

1950s

Funeral Set For Zavalla Resident John W. Walker

Funeral services for John W. Walker, 76, are to be held today at 2 p. m. in the Hensarling cemetery, with the Rev. Decker Sanders officiating.

Interment will be made in the Hensarling cemetery. Remains will lie in state in the family residence in Zavalla.

Walker died Saturday morning at his residence in Zavalla following a brief illness.

Born March 8, 1873 in Arkansas, he had resided in Angelina County for the past 56 years. Walker was a farmer.

Survivors include his brother, T. J. Walker of Zavalla; and six sisters, Mrs. Cora Parham, Mrs. Lillie Marshall and Mrs. Carrie Poland, all of Zavalla. Mrs. Mollie Pride of Huntington, Mrs. Martha McLaughlin of San Antonio and Mrs. Emilene Pattilo of Kennedy.

Gipson Funeral Home is in charge.

Zavalla Girls Win Over Tarkington

Zavalla's girls, champions of district 58-B, had to come from behind Friday night to edge Tarkington Prairie, 41-39, at Tarkington Prairie.

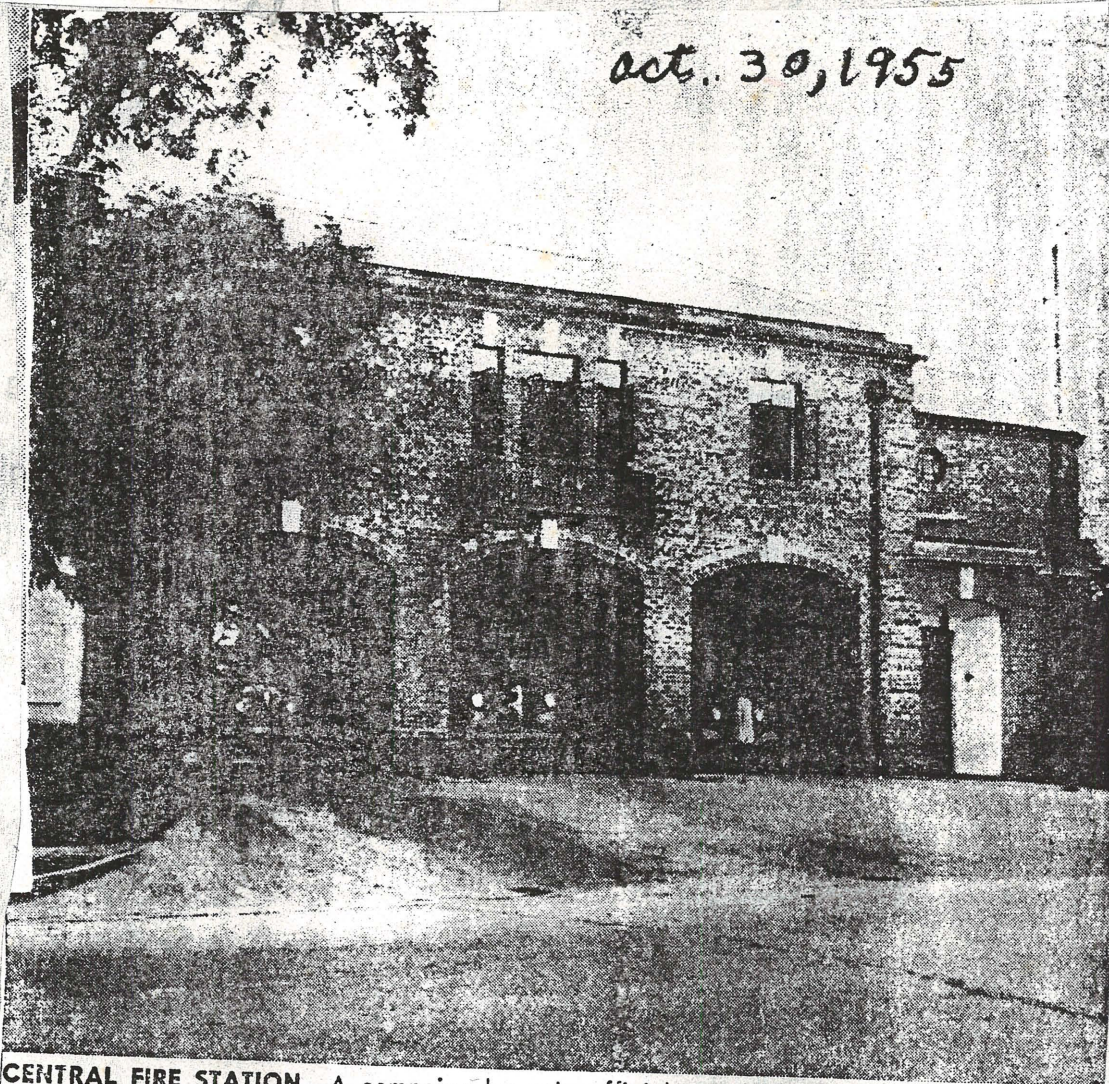
After the first few minutes of play, Tarkington led all the way until midway of the fourth quarter.

Tarkington led by two points at the end of the first period, by seven points at the half and by three points going into the final stanza.

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Oct. 30, 1955



CENTRAL FIRE STATION—A campaign by city officials in 1927 resulted in voting of bonds and construction of the Central Fire Station on East Lufkin Avenue. The building cost \$30,000.

Aged Zavalla Woman Dies

Mrs. Ursula Ann Coleman, 76, of Zavalla, died suddenly late Wednesday in Van Vleck where she was visiting her daughter. Funeral services were to have been held at 1:00 p. m. Friday in the Pentacostal Church in Zavalla with Rev. Marshall Ivey officiating. Interment was in Harvey Cemetery, San Augustine County. Mrs. Coleman was a sister of Mrs. Mary Smith of Lufkin.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Oakley-Metcalf.

She was born January 5, 1874, in San Augustine County, and was a member of the Baptist Church. She was the widow of W. L. Coleman.

Survivors include: two daughters, Mrs. Stella Mae Harvey, of Van Vleck, Texas, and Mrs. Florence Walker, of Beaumont, Texas; one son, K. P. Coleman, of Zavalla; one sister, Mrs. Mary Smith, of Lufkin; three brothers, Henry Hunt, of Broadus, Dock Hunt, of Jasper, and George Hunt, of Palacios; seventeen grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren.

died Feb. 14, 1951

ZAVALLA SOCIAL, PERSONALS

Miss Colwell Weds Millard Spears In Simple Ceremony

By MRS. B. T. TOWNSEND
Reporter

Miss Barbara Ann Colwell, daughter of Mrs. Charles Colwell, and Millard Spears of Lufkin were united in marriage last Friday.

Milton Jacks of Henderson visited friends and relatives over the week end.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Riley and children of Houston.

Mrs. T. J. Barnes and son, Herman Barnes, had as week end guests Elton Barnes, Jay, Okla-

homa; Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Barnes, Timpson; T. G. Barnes and daughter Bobbie Marie, Lufkin; and Vance Barnes, Beaumont. Mrs. T. J. Barnes accompanied the son, Bennett Barnes and wife to Timpson for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bass and children of Luling, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Burns, Franklin, La., spent the holiday week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barge Jr.

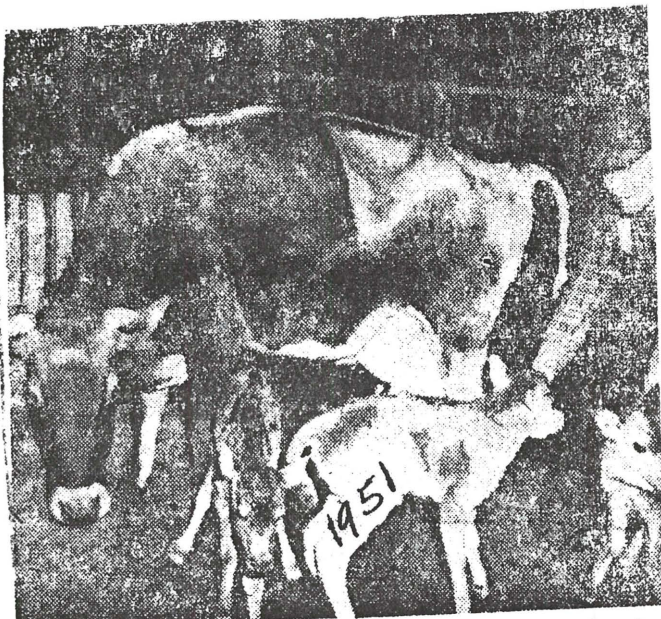
Week end guests in the home of Mrs. Inez Fortenberry were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanch, China, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fortenberry, Pt. Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bradham spent Christmas day with relatives in Tenaha.

Relatives visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barge Sr. for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Owens and children, Beaumont; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Moveblous, Beaumont; Mrs. Jewel Chatte and children, San Antonio; Buron Barge, Liberty; Nelson Barge, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barge Jr. and children; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Beaty and children, Beaumont; Mrs. James Lock, Beaumont; and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barge and sons, Zavalla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Colwell and daughter, Frances, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barge Jr. and children spent the Christmas holiday with the parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Minton of Zwolle, La.

Mrs. C. A. Barge Sr. had as her holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pittman, Beaumont; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jacks and children, Beaumont; Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Barge and children, Zavalla; and Mr. and Mrs. James Barfield and children, Zavalla.



THREE OF A KIND—Triplet calves—two bulls and a heifer were born to this purebred Jersey cow in the herd of Ch. Rose, Sr., near Owosso, Mich. Herdsman Glen Van Wormer over the rare arrivals and their 3-year-old mother

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ZAVALLA SCHOOL NEWS

School Honor Rolls, Perfect Attendance Records Told

The following high school pupils made an average of 96 for the third six weeks period:

Betty Martin, Maxine Parrish, Oma Helen Pitman, Patty Sanders, Joyce Widner, Sammy Joe Crain, Elwood Weaver, Del ne LaPoint, James M. Nerren, Laura Mae Hopkins and Vernice Roebuck.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL FIRST GRADE

Marguerite Sue Barge, Howard Ray Clevenger, Billy Joe Courtney, Thomas Harris, Brenda Joyce Havard, Sheila Ann Johnston, Nancy Sue Marshall, David Massey.

Also, John Lewis Massey, Peggy Parrish, Frances Ann Pickard, Lowery Pickard, Brooks Weeks and Sherlyn Leviness.

SECOND GRADE

James Barfield, Jr., Geraldine Barge, Jessie Ann Barge, Loyd Neil Barge, Shirley Burgess, De Lois Day, Lynn George, Ronnie King, Reva McBroom, Weldon Mott, Patsy Sue Noel.

Also, Janet Reppond, Charlene Rhodes, Glenda Ann Sanders, Jacie Van Widner, Ronnie Eldon Wilhelm, and Carolynne Womack.

THIRD GRADE

Winnie Beard, Anthony Bentley, Eldridge Boaz, Willie Burgess, Tommie Jean Cassels, Donnie Coleman.

And, Georgie Craven, Nelda Cryer, Patricia Gibson, Virginia Harris, Fessie Havard, Sandra Johnson, Elizabeth Massey, Kenneth Massey, W. L. Rhodes, Rachel Weeks, Ethel Sue Widner, and Sammie Williams.

FOURTH GRADE

Barbara Barge, Margaret Ann Barge, Raymond Beard, Verlene Coleman, Beverly Colwell, Marie Hollingsworth, Tony Grimes, Neil Hudson, James Earl King.

And, Nick Kmezza, Elmer Jewel McBroom, Betty Parish, Doris Robinson, Sue Sheffield, and Calvin Youngblood.

FIFTH GRADE

Carl Beard, Arvil Boaz, Nelda Jo Brown, Elmar Jean Gaskamp, Gloria Havard, Zethaleen Marshall, Wayne Oliver, Betty Lou Weaver, Joan Widner and Frankie Williams.

SIXTH GRADE

Oscar Beard, Doris Hollingsworth, Doris Jean Brown, Janice Guthrie, Joyce Harris, Eulavia Marshall and Virginia Sheffield.

GRADE 7 A

Calvin Cryer, Jo Nell Jones, Effie Harris, Sallie Ruth Lakey, Oma McDonald, Henry McLe-more, Charles Oliver, Jerry Did-

ner and Banra L. Wilhelm.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

FIRST GRADE

Arthur Bridges, Howard Ray Clevenger, Lowery Pickard, Mary Graham, Brenda Joyce Havard, Sheila Ann Johnston and Nancy Sue Marshall.

SECOND GRADE

Loyd Neil Barge, De Lois Day, Rea McBroom, Weldon Mott, Patsy Sue Noel, Janet Sue Noel, Janet Reppond, Glenda Ann Sanders and Carolynne Womack.

THIRD GRADE

Anthony Bentley, Opal Bentley, Winnie Beard, Tommie Jean Cassels, Georgia Craven, Jane Graham, J. P. Hopkins.

Also, Jo Bertha Jacks, Elizabeth Massey, D. L. Rhodes, Katherine Smith and Linda Wright.

FOURTH GRADE

Raymond Beard, Hubert Boykin, Mary Francis Cameron, Verlene Coleman, Beverly Colwell, Sonja Couble, Charles Harris, Elmer Jewel McBroom, Loretta Monier.

And, Doris Robinson, Sue Sheffield, Peggy Stanley and Calvin Youngblood.

FIFTH GRADE

Edward Bentley, George Cryer, Elmar Jean Gaskamp, Ste art Graham, Bonnie Havard, Gloria Havard, and Zethaleen Marshall.

Also, Billy Miller, Betty Noel, Joyce Norris, Neal Reppond, Joan Widner, and Frankie Williams.

Nancy Callahan is a new pupil.

SIXTH GRADE

Billy Ray Harris, Jimmy Earl Hopkins, Doris Jean Brown, Eloise Craven, Janice Guthrie, Joyce Harris, Eulavia Marshall and Arcellae McBroom.

SEVENTH GRADE

Annie Louise Blake, Effie Harris, Yvonne Hopkins, Jo Nell Jones, Sallie Ruth Lakey, Oma McDonald, Kenenth Reppond, and Bama Louise Wilhelm.

GRADE SEVEN B

Drunell Carswell, Frances Colwell, Jean Guthrie, Mary Lou Harris, Bobby Jo Hodge, William Doyle Jacks.

And Carey Modisett, Bobby Jean Noel, Tommy Noel, Nina Fay Redman and Junnie Lee Rhodes.

SANTA LAUGHS TOO LOUD

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Santa Claus laughed so loud in a department store window here that he caused a traffic hazard. Motorists stopped in midstreet to listen police said, while ordering Santa to tone down his chuckle.

Zavalla Man Acquitted In District Court

Prentice Marshall of Zavalla was acquitted of a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, second offense, by a district court jury after 20 minutes of deliberation Tuesday.

The "not guilty" verdict was read by jury foreman Leon R. Wiesner at 8:55 p.m.

Marshall was indicted by the grand jury on the charge, and his trial began at 2 p.m. Tuesday. R. C. Musslewhite was defense counsel. Original complaint was signed by Zavalla Constable Kenneth Gaskamp on September 9, 1951, the date of arrest.

Jurors for the Marshall trial included: Wiesner, G. E. Tindall, John W. Spencer, J. L. Day, Richard Weaver, D. B. Watson, Howard Daniels, J. C. Atkinson, Jim Weems, Tom Collier, George J. Coffey, and C. W. Spears.

In other court action Wednesday, the trial of C. D. Young, indicted for burglary by the March grand jury, was reset for August 18, 1952. Defendant's counsel, B. L. Collins, was reported ill and unable to appear.

District Attorney Ward Burke entered a motion calling for revocation of probation of Ferman Crawford, previously convicted of driving while intoxicated. Crawford was indicted by the grand jury on a similar charge. His trial was continued.

Trial for Jessie Lee Rawlinson, indicted for DWI, second offense, was also continued to the July term of court.

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ZAVALLA AREA

W. D. Barge Sr., Mrs. Spears Honored At Recent Parties

Mrs. Robert Millard Spears, nee Miss Barbara Ann Colwell, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Thursday afternoon January 5, in the home of Mrs. W. D. Barge, with Mrs. J. A. Barge Sr. and Mrs. I. D. Colwell acting as co-hostesses.

Refreshments were served to approximately twenty-five guests.

A number of friends extended birthday greetings to W. D. Barge Sr. in his home Wednesday night, January 4.

Games of 42 were played and refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barge Sr., Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Guthrie and daughters, Jean and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barge Sr., Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Barge and sons, Lloyd Neil and Billy.

B. Oliver Jr. was honored with a stork shower Monday afternoon, sponsored by members of the Like You Sunday school class. The shower was given in the home of Mrs. C. A. Barge Jr.

Seated games were played and gifts were presented to the honoree, after which refreshments were served.

Approximately forty guests signed the guest book.

A large crowd attended the benefit 42 party sponsored by the Zavalla chapter Order of the Eastern Star, on Monday night.

High scores were won by Har-
die Widner and Mrs. Burns, with low scores going to Mrs. W. C.

Wade and Clyde Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Martin and son, Billy, of Kennard, spent Sunday in the T. V. Guthrie home.

Harold Rominger began his duties as business manager of the Angelina county hospital on January 1.

A new business establishment was opened for business last Saturday in Zavalla. Mrs. (Trahey) Starr has installed a beauty shop in her store building and is now ready to render first class service.

The commercial chicken (broiler) raising business is proving successful and profitable for several families in and near Zavalla.

Henry Fox and the Miles brothers market 6000 broilers every 10 weeks and F. C. Warren markets 5000. Jap Massey is also beginning the broiler project and has poultry houses under construction.

There will be a stated meeting of the Angelina Lodge 1263, Zavalla on Friday night, January 13. Refreshments will be served by the Zavalla chapter Order of the Eastern Star 952.

The Angelina county and East Texas singing conventions will be held in Zavalla on Saturday night, February 11, and Sunday, February 12.

A baptistry is being placed in the First Baptist church. Weather permitting, the work will soon be completed.



SEN. OTTIS LOCK

Lock Seeks Re-Election

4/9/52

State Senator Ottis E. Lock of Lufkin Wednesday announced his candidacy for a second term.

Senator Lock said his request for re-election is based upon his fight to keep the average citizen's state taxes as low as possible, especially while federal taxes and the cost of living are unusually high.

He pointed out that Texas does not have a sales tax, nor a state income tax, whereas a majority of the 48 states have both.

While opposing extravagance and waste, Senator Lock said that essential service should be adequately financed. He has helped sponsor practically all major road and school legislation that has been enacted in recent years.

Although state representatives were exempt from the draft during World War II, Lock waived his exemption and volunteered as a private. He has been practicing law since his discharge.

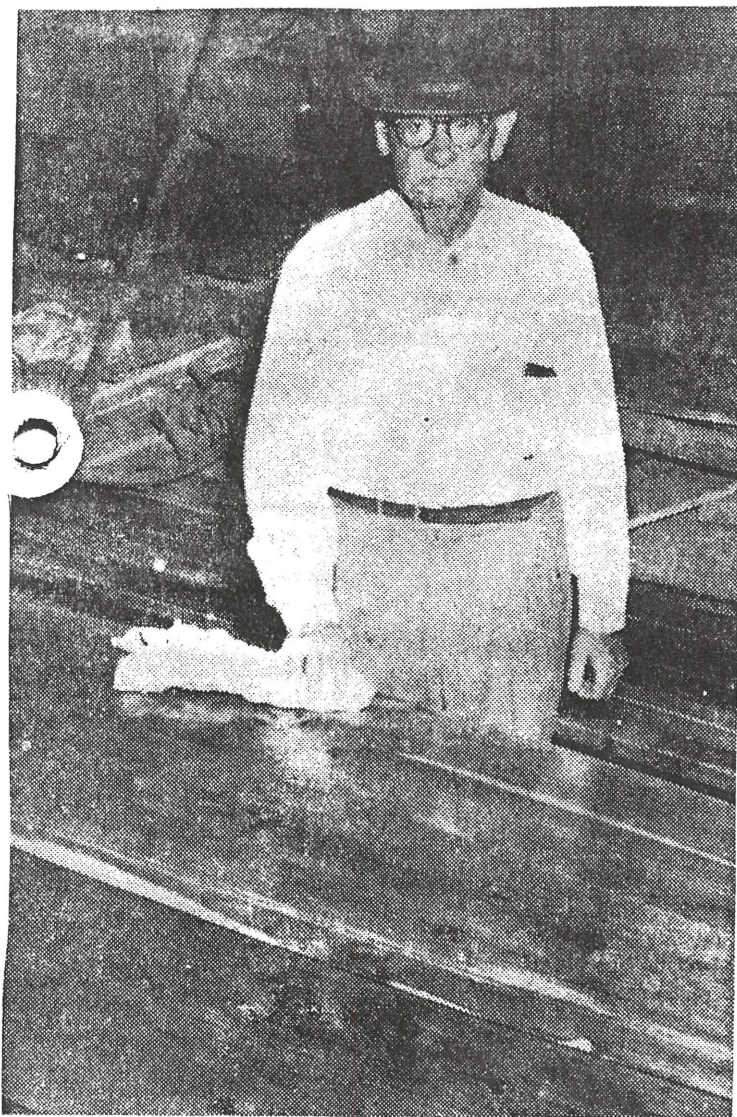
Senator Lock is married, has a two-year-old son, and is a member of the Baptist Church, Lions Club and the American Legion.

The redistricting law passed at the last session of the legislature added Hardin County to the eight counties already in District 3.

Senator Lock said a more complete statement will be made at a future date.

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Jennie
Viola
Massey
Barge



LIGE MOTT AND HIS CASKET . . . Not ready to use it yet.

— Won't Use It For A While —

Angelina Man *October 19, 1952* Makes His Coffin

White-haired, 82-year-old Lige Mott of Zavalla has built himself a casket but that is no indication he's ready to use it.

As a matter of fact, he says, "I'm going to fix the lining later, it might fade before I need it."

Mr. Mott, a combination carpenter, blacksmith, philosopher and preacher, worked six weeks on the shiny cedar coffin. He just finished and it's still standing on two sawhorses in his Cousin Hardy Mott's cabinet shop right in the middle of Zavalla.

"I would have started on it six years ago," Mr. Mott said. "But my wife couldn't stand the thought of it

Mrs. Mott died last summer.

Mr. Mott is no rookie at casket-building. Zavalla folks tell the story of how one of his relatives picked out a tree from which she wanted her casket made and he built it.

"Back during World War I, Uncle Charlie Cansler here in Zavalla ran out of caskets and contracted with me to make a few to tide him over," Mr. Mott recalled.

Mr. Mott, a native of Angelina County, used to preach around Zavalla some. "But most places I held forth are grown up in pine thickets now," he said.

He's a former justice of the peace, too, having served four years back more than two decades ago.

Now, Mr. Mott lives alone with his 15-year-old grandson, James Mott. He has eight living children, but he prefers to live at Zavalla where his bed "fits all my crooks."

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FIVE GENERATIONS OF FAMILY—Five generations of the Jim Mott family got together in Zavalla shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Mott had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Jim Mott; Mrs. Lillie Williams, daughter of Mrs. Mott; Mrs. Joe Wilkinson, daughter of Mrs. Williams; James Martin Wilkinson, son of Mrs. Joe Wilkinson. Seated is Jim Mott, holding James Terry Wilkinson, son of James Martin Wilkinson. Mr. and Mrs. Mott live in Zavalla, while Mrs. Wilkinson, James and his son live in Orange.

LUFKIN, TEXAS, FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 20, 1953



TOP LITTER PRODUCER—Fancy Bea, 700-pound Duroc Jersey sow who has earned a rating as one of the top litter producers in the nation is shown with her owner B. J. Irwin, Zavalla school teacher and his son, Billy. She is presently raising her fourth litter.

Shofner Trial To Start Monday

Feb. 8, 1953

Dewey Shofner, 43-year-old Nacogdoches man goes on trial there Monday for the stabbing murder of his wife, a Redland school teacher, February 8 with prosecuting attorneys asking for his life in exchange.

Shofner, 43, an unemployment attendant, has been in the Nacogdoches County Jail with bond denied him since his arrest shortly after the stabbing incident.

He was indicted for murder with malice by the February grand jury there three days after his wife died of five stab wounds in her chest.

Vernice Fulmer, Nacogdoches attorney, has been retained as special prosecutor serving with District Attorney James H. Moore of Lufkin and County Attorney Bob Murphey of Nacogdoches. A. L. Lowery, Nacogdoches lawyer, is defense attorney.

Shofner was held without bond pending the grand jury action. An insanity hearing, expected before the trial Monday, failed to materialize.

Mrs. Leta Mae Shofner, 38, was stabbed in the kitchen of the Shofner home a few minutes after she carried her husband home from church, where he allegedly caused a disturbance during services. She died at City Memorial Hospital a few minutes after the stabbing.

Police arrested the husband at the home a few minutes after Mrs. Shofner died. A bloody four-inch paring knife was recovered from

the kitchen, officers said.

Shofner was formerly employed by a Lufkin soft drink firm. He had worked at a Nacogdoches service station owned by his father-in-law until 10 days prior to his wife's death.

Mrs. Shofner had applied for a divorce in Nacogdoches district court in December, but later withdrew the proceedings. She is survived by a 12-year-old daughter.

*It frosted on
May 4, 1954*

Zavalla Girls Win District

Feb. 26, 1953

Zavalla's girl basketball sextet, district champions for the third straight year, will compete in the regional tournament March 6-7 in Houston.

In the meantime four practice games are on schedule for the loop champs.

The Zavalla girls play at Tarkington Prairie tonight. Tarkington will return the match at Zavalla on Feb. 28.

The Jasper girls invade Zavalla for a match Thursday. Zavalla will play at Jasper on March 2.

Zavalla has played some outstanding teams this season. Bronson and Tarkington Prairie, who played in the regional finals last year, have both been beaten by the Zavalla girls.

The Zavalla girls, who haven't lost a district tilt in three years, have won two of the three top tournaments in this area.

They defeated Bronson in the finals of the Jasper tournament and Tarkington Prairie in the finals of the Colmesneil tourney. Bronson defeated Zavalla by two points in an overtime period to cop the Zavalla girls tournament.

This is Coach Pickard's fourth year as coach for the Zavalla girls. His first season here was before the Interscholastic League girls' basketball was organized in this district.

The club will lose five of its top players this year, three forwards and two guards. The forwards are Barbara Cryer, Joyce Widner and Sammie Palmer. The guards are Shirley Cryer Carson and Neta Weaver.

Federal Jury Indicts Feb. 24, 1953 Gaskamp On Civil Rights Charge

Constable Kenneth (Cotton) Gaskamp of Zavalla was indicted by a federal grand jury in Tyler Monday on a charge of depriving a prisoner of his civil rights.

Constable Gaskamp is specifically charged with assaulting Wilbur R. Martin of Zavalla with the intent to deprive him of his civil rights.

Warren Moore of Tyler, U. S. district attorney, said the officer was indicted for "inflicting punishment without due process of law on September 13, 1952."

The charge grew out of an incident in Zavalla on that date.

Mr. Martin and a companion were allegedly arrested by the constable for being intoxicated. Constable Gaskamp started for the county jail at Lufkin with the two men in custody.

Along the route, the officer decided to return them home to Zavalla. A pocket knife alleged to have belonged to Mr. Martin was returned, Constable Gaskamp has maintained.

After letting the men out of his 1952-model auto, the constable discovered that the rear seat of the car had been ripped or cut in several places with damages later estimated at more than \$200.00.

He maintained the damages were done in the time interval the two Zavalla men were in custody.

He then re-arrested the two men and completed the Lufkin trip, placing both in jail. A charge of "damaging the personal property of another" was filed against Mr. Martin in justice court.

Mr. Martin was indicted on the charge by the March grand jury and is on bond pending trial. No charge of resisting arrest was filed against him.

Constable Gaskamp said Mr. Martin resisted arrest the second time. Mr. Martin alleges that the officer "pistol whipped" him and that he did not resist arrest.

Maximum punishment after conviction on a civil rights violation is one year in jail or \$1,000 fine.

No date for trial of the officer was reported Tuesday.

Mr. Martin, a machinery operator was hospitalized and required an operation after the beating, he claimed.

Mr. Gaskamp is also charged with violating Martin's right "to be immune from being intimidated, compelled and coerced to incriminate himself by confession and admitting the commission of any offense against the laws of the state of Texas."

Driver Dies In Collision Of Bus, Truck

1953
A 24-year-old Angelina County man died late Monday in Trinity Memorial Hospital of head injuries received in a truck-bus collision near Groveton late Saturday.

Merlyn Paul, 24, of Route 5, Lufkin, a painter employed by Ray's Manufacturing Company of Lufkin, died at 7:30 p. m. Monday in the Trinity hospital. He was fatally injured about 5 p. m. Saturday.

Highway Patrolman A. S. Isabell of Trinity, investigating officer, said Mr. Paul was thrown out of his 1946-model pickup truck when it was struck from the rear by a Mack's Motor Coaches bus driven by Zack Conner of Crockett about one mile south of Groveton on Highway 287.

The officer said the crash occurred on a straight highway, both vehicles headed north toward Groveton. The Paul truck was demolished by the impact which threw the driver out of the cab and ripped the truck-bed off the vehicle's frame.

The bus was occupied by only three or four passengers at the time of the crash, and none of the occupants was reported injured. The front of the bus was damaged, with no estimate available Tuesday.

Mr. Paul did not regain consciousness after the crash. No charges had been filed in connection with the mishap Tuesday.

Graveside services for Mr. Paul will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Zavalla Cemetery.

He was born November 8, 1928, in Zavalla.

Survivors include his widow of Route 5, Lufkin; two sons, Larry Wayne and Gary Lynn; two daughters, Margaret Marie and Alice Mae

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Paul, all of Lufkin; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Paul of Keltys; five sisters, Mrs. Joyce Marie Sisson of Lufkin, Mrs. Bennie Louise Powers of Winnie, Mrs. Delores Charlene Tidwell of Channelview, Mrs. Marjorie Nell Baker and Miss Bonnie Jean Paul, both of Keltys. Gipson Funeral Home of Lufkin is in charge of the funeral.

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Seven Jurors Selected For Shofner Trial

1953
Feb. 24, 1953
Selection of jurors in the murder trial of Dewey Shofner, 43, of Nacogdoches, was expected to be completed there Tuesday afternoon and testimony to get underway Wednesday, it was reported.

The former Lufkin resident was indicted by grand jury on a murder with malice charge in connection with the February 8 stabbing death of his wife, Mrs. Leta Mae Shofner, 38, a Redland schoolteacher, at the family home in Nacogdoches.

Seven jurors had been selected at 11 a. m. Tuesday from a panel of 180 special veniremen.

Proceedings moved slowly before District Judge H. T. Brown overruled a motion by defense to defer the trial until a mental examination could be given the defendant.

District Attorney James H. Moore of Lufkin, opposed the defense motion, charging that the defense had not "exercised due diligence in obtaining an examination of the patient."

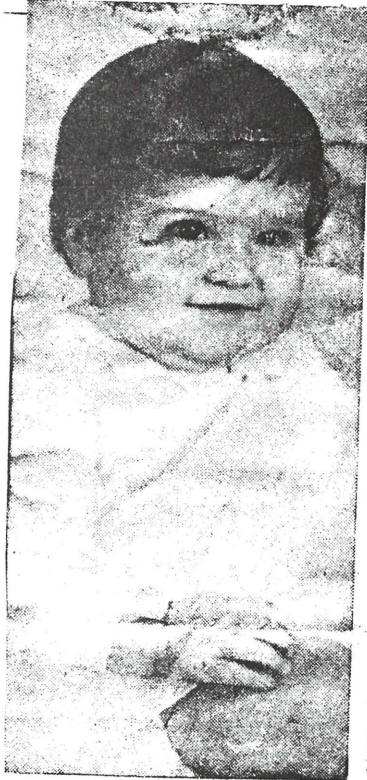
Moore said A. L. Lowery, attorney, had not asked for a mental examination by a state physician three days ago. "The defense has questioned the tales of insanity has been told by the juror has been asked to render a verdict of guilty by reason of insanity. There is not sufficient evidence to justify the verdict is introduced."

The prosecution has questioned each venireman on the death penalty, indicating the extreme penalty will be asked.

Vernice Fulmer, Nacogdoches attorney, is serving as special prosecutor with Mr. Moore and County Attorney Bob Mruphey of Nacogdoches as states' attorneys.

Septic Tank Top Caves In; 19-Month-Old Baby Drowns

September 2, 1953



LESLIE KAY LEE

Leslie Kay Lee Victim Funeral Pends

A 19-month-old baby, playing in the back yard of her home with two older sisters, drowned Wednesday morning when she fell into a septic tank.

Leslie Kay Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kye Lee, who live on Highway 69 about 200 yards south of Lufkin city limits, was dead on arrival at Memorial Hospital where she was taken in a Gipson ambulance.

The child's grandfather, Earnest Hamilton, who lives across the highway from the Lees, said the child along with her sister, Suzanne, 5, and Kyeleene, 3, was playing in the backyard of her home.

Leslie Kay ran across the septic tank covered with about one inch of dirt, and the tin top caved in. She fell through an opening approximately one foot wide.

Her mother, painting in the kitchen, heard the children screaming, rushed into the yard, and pulled the child from the tank.

A local physician, along with Memorial Hospital personnel, worked half an hour administering artificial respiration before pronouncing her dead.

The child's father, an employee on the night shift at Southland Paper Mill, was asleep at the time of the tragic accident.

Mr. Hamilton said earlier in the morning, the little girl had been in the house and had awakened her father. She then wandered into the backyard where her sisters were and moments later Mrs. Lee heard the screams.

Mr. Lee said only Tuesday he had mowed the grass growing on top of the tank, walking across it several times.

Sheriff Leon Jones and Deputy Ralph Poland followed Gipson's ambulance to the scene after meeting the emergency vehicle on the street. The sheriff's car escorted the ambulance to the hospital.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Wednesday afternoon.

Survivors include two sisters, her parents; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, all of Lufkin.



This official Marine Corps photograph shows a group of Texas Marines holding a Japanese flag and sword they picked up in the conquest of Guam. They also fought at Bougainville. Kneeling, left to right: Field Musician First Class Noah C. Walker, Jr., son of Mrs. Birdie Walker of Consolidated's Mailing Department; Corp. Clement R. Garcia, Galveston; Back row: Pfc. Arthur G.

Frazier, Austin; Pfc. Aubrey L. Stapleton, Houston; Pfc. Leo Stoffel, Houston, and Corp. Arnold Bryan, Richmond.

Copies of this photograph were presented to Mrs. Walker at a surprise birthday luncheon given by her Mailing Department co-workers under Mrs. Virginia Jones, supervisor, last week. Mrs. Walker, whose husband, Noah

Sr., has been employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad since 1917, has been in the Mailing Department since November, 1942, has an enviable attendance record and has subscribed all of her salary to purchase of War Bonds during each of the War Loan drives. Her son has been in the South Pacific war theater 23 months, having participated in many major battles. He is 19 years old.

Nacogdoches, Lufkin Vote 16 Million Issue

Nacogdoches—(Spl)—By a margin of 1202 to 51, property owners in Nacogdoches and Lufkin went to the polls Tuesday and favored a \$16,000,000 revenue bond issue for construction of 37,500-acre Lake Ponta on the Angelina River in northwest Nacogdoches County.

Vote in Nacogdoches was

515 for the bonds, and 15 against. Lufkin's vote was 687 to 36.

The two cities comprise a newly created water improvement district that is sponsoring the huge project. Present plans are to start construction on the dam in 1955.

The reservoir will have a shoreline of 146 miles and

will be one of Texas' largest inland lakes. Water will be used primarily for industrial expansion, with the Southland Paper Mill near Lufkin being one of the largest potential customers.

The lake will be formed at the junction of Mud Creek and the Angelina River. The bonds will be retired from revenue from the sale of water.

The project will afford the area an almost unlimited water supply. The lake would impound 283,000,000,000 gallons.

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Feb 19, 1954 ZAVALLA NEWS

By Mrs. B. T. Townsend

Mrs. Charles Ray Colwell was honored with a stork shower Friday afternoon, February 19 in the home of Mrs. Vernon Hornsby. Co-hostess were Mmes. Roy Marshall, Eunice Starley, Nina Ruth Havary and Jack Colwell.

Gifts were presented to the honoree and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Nita Wyn Weaver Harris was honored with a miscellaneous shower Saturday afternoon at the Nancy Baptist church. Hostesses were Mrs. Menfred Harris, Mrs. Minnie Skinner, and Mrs. Jerrel Weaver.

Games were played and refreshments were served to 35 guests.

The fifth grade with Mrs. Massey, teacher, will present an assembly program Wednesday afternoon in the high school auditorium.

The ladies of the Church of Christ will meet with Mrs. Denman Dunkin for their Bible Study next Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barge who have been living in Beaumont for the past year have moved back in their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Johnson visited relatives in Gladewater Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Sweeney resigned her position with Zavalla High and went to live with her husband who is stationed in Augusta, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Owens and

family of Dallas were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Havard, Houston visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Havard over the week-end.

Zavalla Defeats Huntington, 72-60 *March 9, 1954*

ZAVALLA — (Spl.) — The offensive-minded Zavalla Eagles turned back Huntington's Red Devils here Tuesday night, 72-60, in the third and deciding game of a playoff to determine the second-place winner in the District 58-B basketball race.

The win left the Eagles with a district record of eleven wins and four defeats, while Huntington's slate stood at eleven won and seven lost. Zavalla finished in the second spot in first-round play behind Central Consolidated. Huntington tied Central in the second round, then lost two of three play-

off games to the Bulldogs.

Zavalla took a first quarter 17-16 lead and nursed it through the next two quarters before breaking loose in the fourth to win going away. The Red Devils outscored their hosts from the floor, 25 to 23, but lost the game from the free throw line.

Twenty-nine fouls called on Huntington enabled the Eagles to score 26 free throws while Huntington was managing only ten.

Guard Mickey Kitchens paced the winners with 22 points and Dickie Travis scored 13 for Huntington.

ZAVALLA (72)	FG	FT	PFT
Weaver	4	6	3 14
Myers	5	6	1 16
Donovan	4	4	4 12
Kitchens	8	6	3 22
Pittman	2	4	1 8

TOTALS	23	26	12 72
HUNTINGTON	16	15	12 60
ZAVALLA	17	21	14 72

HUNTINGTON (60)	FG	FT	PFT
Truett	5	1	4 11
Lowery	5	2	4 12
Smith	1	0	2 2
Travis	5	3	1 13
McGaughey	3	1	2 7
Chamblee	4	2	5 10
Summers	0	0	2 0
Renfro	2	1	5 5
Havard	0	0	4 0
TOTALS	25	10	29 60

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Zavalla Awaits 300 Students This Year *August 28, 1955*

More than 300 students are expected to register September 1 at the Zavalla school, according to Superintendent Jim Gray.

"We are expecting about the same number of students as last year, with perhaps a small increase," Mr. Gray said.

"A meeting of the Zavalla school faculty is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. August 31.

"All students will register on Friday, September 1, and classes will be met that day."

Mr. Gray reported that the Zavalla school will have 14 teachers this year -- one less than in 1954-55.

Two new principals have been employed at the school. L. D. Emmons, who is now basketball coach at Joaquin, will be the new high school principal. Mr. Emmons also will coach the girls' basketball team. The new grammar school principal will be Earl Crocker.

A great deal of repair and remodeling work has been done at the Zavalla school this summer. The gymnasium has been remodeled and new dressing rooms were constructed. And the home-making department has been remodeled.

Rites Held For Mrs. Phillips

Dec. 12, 1954

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday at the Little Flock Church in San Augustine County for Mrs. Mary Phillips, 83, of the Ebenezer Community. Rev. M. L. Calloway officiated at the services and burial was in the Little Flock Cemetery.

Mrs. Phillips was born March 15, 1871 in Alabama.

Survivors include three sons, Ingram Phillips of Zavalla, Charlie Phillips of Keltys, and E. O. Phillips of Jasper; two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Reynolds of Broadus, and Mrs. Roxie Garvin of Zavalla; 23 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

The Oakley - Metcalf Funeral Home of Lufkin was in charge of arrangements.

Death Takes Mrs. Renfro

Dec. 13, 1954

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Shoff Renfro, 95, of Huntington, were held at 2 p. m. Monday in the Gipson Chapel. The Rev. R. L. Peterson and Dr. Joe Z Tower officiated and burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Mrs. Renfro, former postmistress at Keltys and widow of former state legislator John F. Renfro, died Sunday afternoon at her home after a long illness.

Mrs. Renfro was a charter member of the Pythian Sisters Lodge No. 1 of San Antonio and the oldest living past supreme manager of the Pythian Sisters Temple. She was also an active member of the Huntington Methodist Church.

Mrs. Renfro was born May 19, 1859, in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, and came to Texas at the age of 11. She was the daughter of L. M. and Ermina Richardson, her father being associated with the Gail Borden Co., of Texas for many years.

In 1884, she was married to Calvin W. Shoff who died in 1931.

In 1937, she was married to John F. Renfro, former state legislator, who died in 1952.

Mrs. Renfro was the niece of the late M. O. Montgomery, an associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

There were no survivors.

The Gipson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Death Takes Sam Williams

Dec. 15, 1954

Sam Pilot Williams, 73, of Route 1, Zavalla, died unexpectedly at his residence late Wednesday. Graveside services are to be held at 10:30 a. m. Friday at the Zavalla Cemetery. Rev. Decker Sanders will officiate.

Mr. Williams was born December 29, 1880, in Angelina County. He had been a lifelong member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Ora Crain of Woodville, Mrs. Lela Smith and Mrs. Bernice Burton, both of Zavalla, and Mrs. Aileen Rayburn of Big Lake; three sons, Auza Williams and Hutson Williams of Lufkin; one brother, J. A. Williams of Parr; five sisters, Mrs. Jim Jones, and Mrs. Nellie Campbell, both of Huntington, Mrs. Steve Hopson and Mrs. Winnie Carter, both of Zavalla, and Mrs. Zenie Widener of Baytown; and eight grandchildren.

The Oakley - Metcalf Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Two Men Walk Out Of Forest *Dec.* After Being Lost Overnight *18,* *1954*

Some 40 persons searched several hours Saturday night for two elderly men who were lost in the forest lands southeast of Zavalla.

Noah Gibson and Ed Fann, both of Zavalla, were located early Sunday morning after they reached a National Forest road.

The two men drove from Zavalla about 7 a.m. Saturday to Mr. Gibson's farm seven miles southeast of the town.

After loading wood on a pickup truck, they started to return to Zavalla Saturday afternoon.

The truck bogged down in mud and they were unable to get it out. They worked at the job until dark.

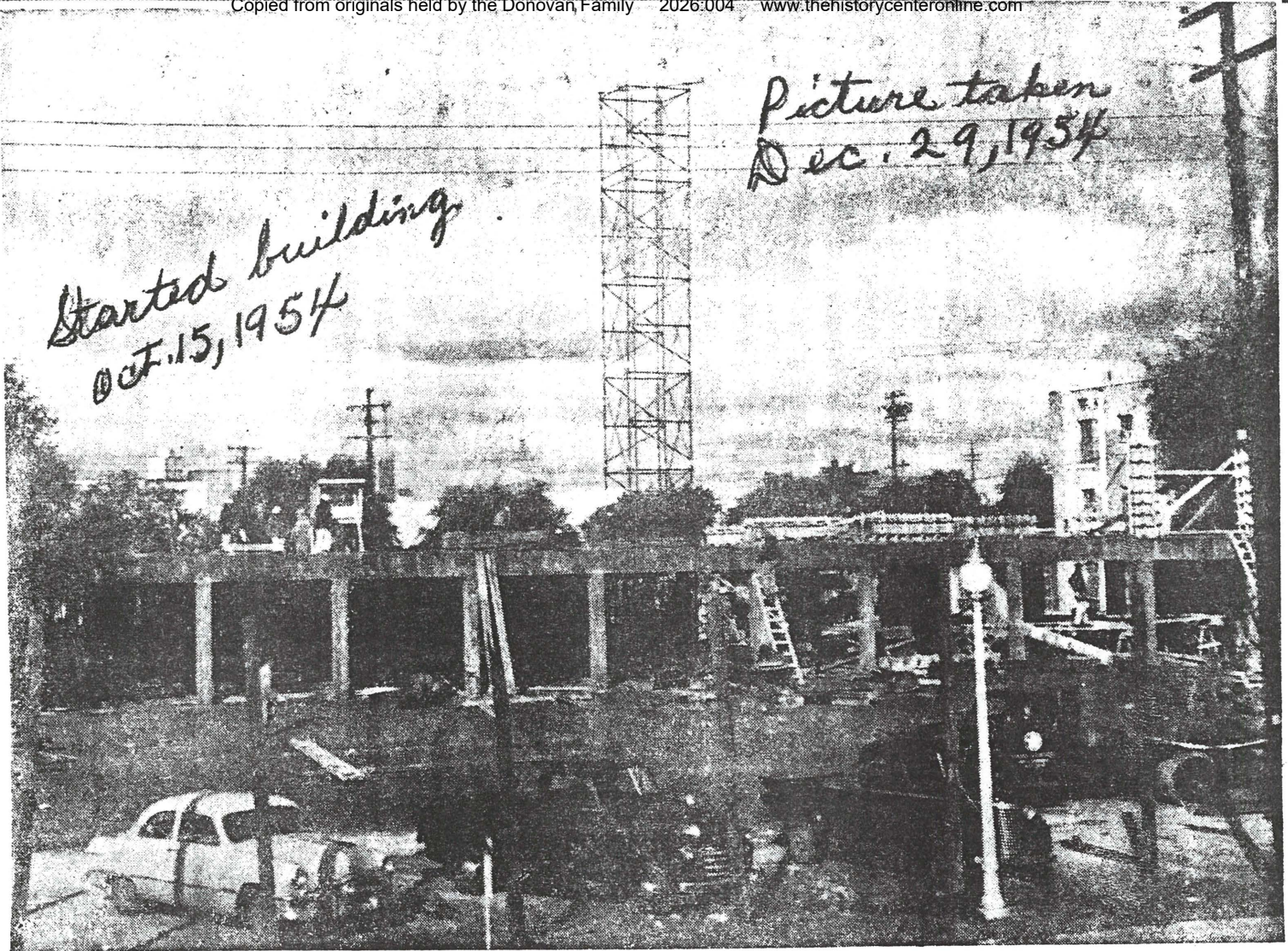
Mr. Gibson and Mr. Fann lost their way while attempting to walk out of the woods, using a pine torch for light.

Constable Cotton Gaskamp of Zavalla was notified of their absence about 6 p.m. Saturday.

Mr. Gaskamp, Hiram Colman and L. G. Stanley went into the forest and searched one hour and twenty minutes for the two men. Then, they retruned to Zavalla and organized a larger searching party.

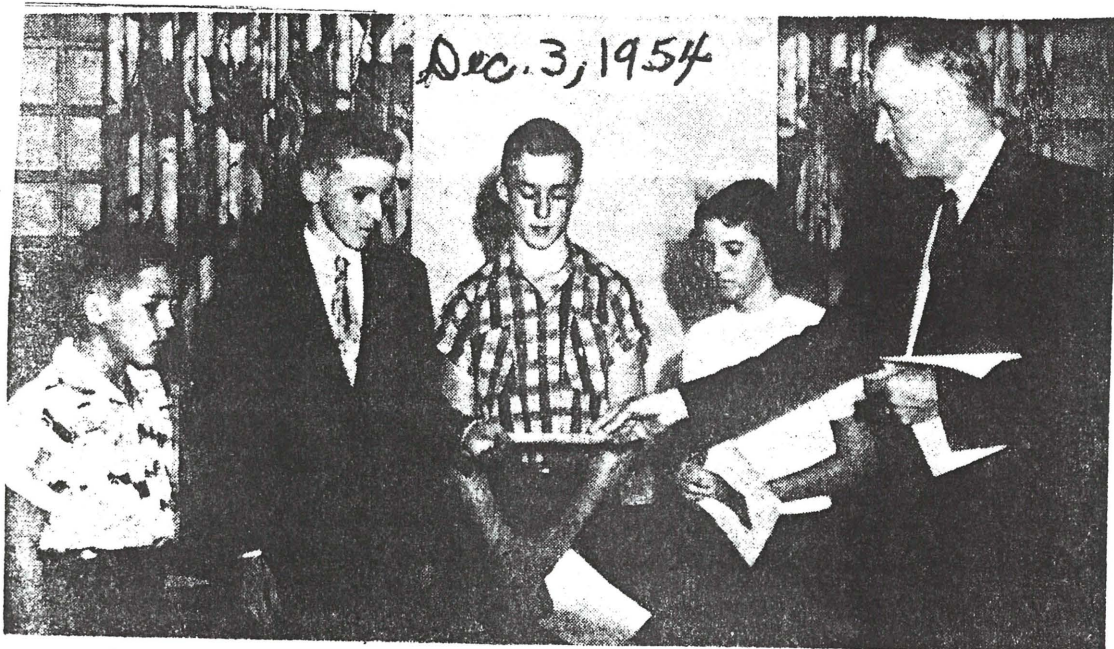
The two men were spotted by Evelyn Fann, Mr. Fann's son, immediately after they reached the National Forest road about 4 a.m.

Neither of the men appeared harmed by the night in the woods.



GOING UP—Work is progressing rapidly on the new Angelina County courthouse, which is being constructed at a cost

of approximately \$500,000. The project is scheduled to be completed in 360 days from last October 15.



COUNTY WINNERS—Herman Brown, chamber of commerce manager, presents cash awards to first and second place county winners in the forestry essay and poster contests. Left to right, Joe Dan Penn of Hudson, James Earl King of Zavalla, David Hankins of Lufkin and Bertha Whitmire of Diboll. (Photo by Mowan)

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route, in time to cast their ballots.

The only trial of which there is a record, held in Marion, came to a sudden and disastrous end when the defendant, a Negro slave, literally "flew the coop."

The slave, on trial for theft, jumped from a window of his log cabin cell, so the story goes, while the jury was being selected and outran the law to the timber line never to be seen again. And so, if the docket could be found, this case would still be on file, untried.

Moved to Jonesville

In 1854, the county began to cast an eye at the town of Jonesville as the next county seat. Here is the court order that on December 11, 1854, moved the county seat from Marion to Jonesville: "We, Martin Jones, Francis Hill, and Hardy Partier, who were appointed by the legislature for the county aforesaid, do hereby notify you that suitable offices are prepared at Jonesville, from now to be the county seat of Angelina, for the Sheriff, District Attorney, and County Clerks."

Jonesville actually became the county seat on February 25, 1855, and remained such until 1858 when again the county seat was moved, this time to Homer, four miles east of Lufkin.

The history of Homer is a tragic one. Starting from a small sawmill, the first in a county that was to become prosperous through its pine forests, and fighting its way to a thriving, busy town, with an unlimited future, Homer saw its ambitions, hopes and future fall with the turning of a railroad.

The story of the railroad surveyors who became so infuriated because of their arrest in Homer that they turned the H. E. & W. T. tracks at Burke in order that the road would miss the county seat, tells the story of the fall of Homer.

Dr. D. D. Manning, a man of culture and education, settled in the virgin pine forest one mile from where Homer was to be, in 1885. Manning came to Angelina County from Louisiana and built the first sawmill, which gave employment to 12 men. He also named the town after Homer, the poet.

The Manning mill cut and planed the lumber for most of the homes and buildings constructed in Homer. This marked the advent of planed lumber in the county, displacing the old log and mud houses.

Perhaps Homer, despite the surveyor incident, would have drawn out its existence had not the court house burned in 1890 for apparently no reason at all.

One of the most bitter elections in the history of the county followed the burning of the Homer court house. The town of Lufkin, rapidly growing and named as a possible clue to the court house conflagration, had its eye on a court house and a county seat. In order to accomplish this end, however, it was necessary to gain two-thirds of the votes of the county

Lufkin Vs. Homer

The story goes that on election day everybody in Lufkin, whether they be traveling men or visitors, were allowed to vote. It is said that a railroad construction gang from Houston lost valuable time during the day with their frequent trips to the polls.

Old timers say all that was necessary to receive a ballot was to tell the judge that "you wanted to have the county seat moved to Lufkin." On the other hand, if you expressed the opinion that Homer, after all, was not a bad county seat, you were coolly told that you were in the wrong precinct.

And so, although there is no complete history of Angelina County, the fragments gathered through records, tales, and facts, show that from the day the Indian maiden was given the name "Angelina" by the Franciscan father in a wilderness of underbrush until today when civilization and progress have changed the features of this same county, no more romantic, picturesque history could

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C. E. Rhoudes Of Zavalla Succumbs

Graveside services for Carrel Edward Rhoudes, 34, of Zavalla will be held at 3 p. m. Thursday in the Zavalla Cemetery with Rev. W. P. Lott officiating.

Mr. Rhoudes died in a Houston hospital Tuesday morning after a long illness. He was born October 25, 1921 in Zavalla and had been a resident of Angelina County all his life.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Rhoudes had been active in the lumber industry until poor health forced his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Irene Pierce Rhoudes of Zavalla; two daughters, Vada Irene Rhoudes and Wanda Ellen Rhoudes, both of Zavalla; two sons, Lynn Edward Rhoudes and William Carrell Rhoudes, both of Zavalla; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rhoudes of Zavalla; two brothers, Rhoudes of Huntington and W. L. Rhoudes of Houston; five sisters, Mrs. Louise Hooks, Mrs. Jackie Keifer of Zavalla and Miss Charline Rhoudes, all of Zavalla, Mrs. Willie Fletcher of Palestine and Mrs. Ollie Mae Griffin of Kountze; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dobe Rhoudes of Zavalla.

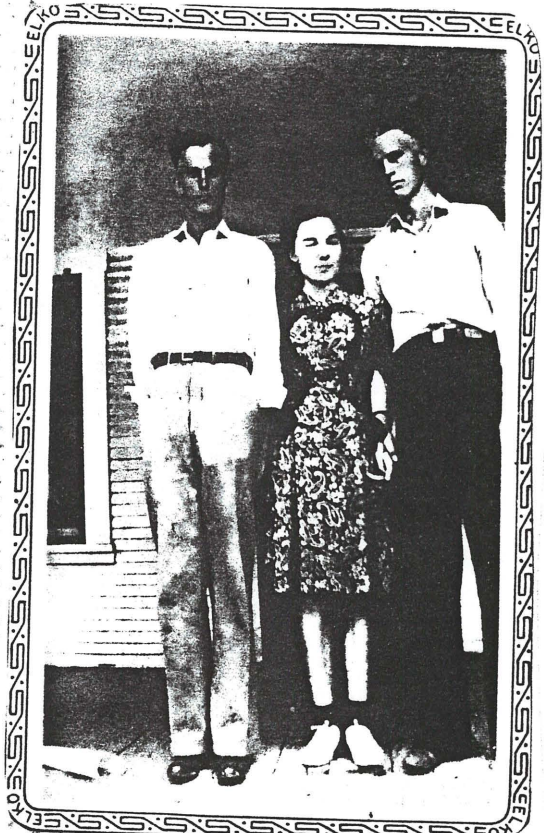
The body will lie in state at the family residence in Zavalla until time for services.

Bearers will be James Ray Rhoudes, Robert Rhoudes, D. L. Rhoudes, Jimmy Von Allison,

John Lewis Perkins and Ernest Ray Perkins. Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.



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Ola Lee McDonald
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MR. AND MRS. WESLEY CARNES

Miss Buschmann Is Bride Of Wesley Carnes

Jan. 1, 1955
Miss Billie Jean Buschmann became the bride of Wesley Carnes in a New Year's Day ceremony performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Buschmann. The Rev. Father Fred Julien of St. Patrick's Catholic Church officiated at the double-ring rites.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carnes of Zavalla.

Entering on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage, the bride was attired in a white faille street-length princess styled dress with a low jewel-trimmed neckline and three-quarter sleeves. A jeweled headdress held her finger-tip veil of bridal illusion in place. She wore a corsage of white carnations.

Miss Joy Purvis attended the bride as maid of honor. Mrs. David Massingill, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid.

David Massingill served Mr. Carnes as best man with Roy Wright as groomsman.

A reception was held immediately after the ceremony. The bride's table, laid with a cloth of lace, was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom.

The out-of-town guest list included M. Semper of Chicago, Illinois, grandmother of the bride; W. C. Carnes and JoAnna Carnes of Zavalla; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Carnes and family of Houston; Mrs. O. L. Pelton, Sr. and Mrs. O. L. Pelton, Jr. of Huntington; and Roy Wright, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

The bride attended Lufkin High School before her marriage. The groom is a graduate of Zavalla High School.

Following a brief wedding trip the couple are making their home

WHOLE TRUTH
Judge: "Have you ever appeared as a witness before?"
Defendant: "Sure, Judge, sure."
Judge: "In what suit?"
Defendant: "The same one I'm wearing now."
Mrs. Tom Neeley
Rt. 2
Gideon, Mo.
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SOUTHERN FARM AND HOME

Graham Rites Held Sunday

Jan. 1, 1955
Funeral services for Thomas Benjamin Graham, 79, of Route 1, Zavalla, were held at 3 p. m. Sunday in the Hensarling Cemetery.

The Rev. Decker Sanders officiated.

Mr. Graham, a life-long resident of Angelina County, died early Sunday at his home after a long illness.

Survivors include two sons, Oscar Graham, and Horace Graham, both of Zavalla; seven daughters, Mrs. Ida Atwood, Zavalla, Mrs. Ruby Jones, Colmesneil, Mrs. Veale Mae Miles and Mrs. Lizzie Grimes, both of Zavalla, Miss Jane Graham, Miss Mary Graham, and Miss Rachel Graham, all of Waco; 18 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Gipson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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WOMAN DEPUTY—County Judge Edward T. McFarland administers an oath to Mrs. Vera White, who was appointed deputy by Sheriff Leon Jones Wednesday. Mrs. White will handle bookkeeping for the department, however she will have access to a gun, the sheriff said.

Death Takes

W. D. Austin

Died Jan. 10, 1955

Funeral services for William D. Austin, 83, of Route 1, Zavalla, were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Gipson Chapel, the Rev. L. M. Westmoreland officiating.

Burial was in White House Cemetery.

Mr. Austin, who had lived at Zavalla for 76 years, died at his home Monday night.

He was born December 16, 1871, in Bernice, La. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, William A. Austin, Zavalla, Jessie Austin, Houston, and Isiah Austin, Zavalla; one daughter, Mrs. Jimmie Hopkins, Zavalla; one brother, Noon Austin, Centralia; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Gipson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Jan. 29, 1955
ASSOCIATION SPEAKERS—State Senator Ottis Lock, left, of Lufkin and George M. Fuller, vice-president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, will address the Texas Lumber Manufacturers' Association quarterly meeting Saturday at Boggy Slough.

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Psychiatrist Says *Feb. 1955*

Child Killer Believed Sane

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—A red-haired mother who strangled, dismembered and helped bury the bodies of her two small sons, is "absolutely sane," a psychiatrist said today.

Mrs. Ann Williams, 28, "realizes her guilt and expects to be punished," said Dr. C. A. Dwyer.

"She had a rather unhappy childhood," the psychiatrist said. "She was born of poor parents and moved to the hills of Tennessee at an early age."

He indicated that Mrs. Williams who made an abortive attempt to kill herself with sleeping pills on the same night she killed her sons, was "running from reality."

She explained her reason for taking the lives of her sons, Calvin, 9, and Conrad, 8.

"I didn't want them to live in poverty like me when I was a child."

Investigators say a bank book found in her apartment showed she had \$1,000 in a Pasadena, Tex., bank.

She said, her pretty face buried in her manicured hands:

"I don't feel sorry for myself. I feel sorry for all the people I have hurt."

Dr. Dwyer first examined Mrs. Williams last night, then a second time today.

He described her as "above average intelligence . . . she has poise and bearing."

Mrs. Williams says she had no accomplice in the slayings.

"I did it alone," she told the psychiatrist. "No one else knew about it."

Mrs. Williams said today, "I realize that I have done a terrible thing, made a terrible mistake, but after I had done it, I knew I had to go through with it. By that I mean I had to dispose of the two bodies."

Meale, Sheriff C. V. (Buster) Kern said he believes Mrs. Williams killed the two boys, Calvin, 9, and Conrad, 8, without an accomplice.

Mrs. Williams was arrested early yesterday, after a young friend revealed he had unwittingly buried the youngsters' bodies, thinking they were spoiled deer meat. The dismembered bodies had been wrapped neatly in four packages

and buried in a shallow grave near Alcoa in Galveston County.

There had been speculation that Mrs. Williams had an accomplice.

Kern said he ruled this out for two reasons:

1. He does not believe she could have found anyone willing to aid in such a grisly killing.

2. Mrs. Williams has told essentially the same story in long periods of questioning, unmoved by efforts to shake her story.

The former Pasadena dime store clerk faces four murder charges, two in Harris County and two in Galveston County.

Mrs. Williams said she killed the boys in their trailer home in suburban Pasadena and carried them to a Houston apartment on Feb. 17.

Autopsy reports blamed death on skull fractures but the young mother contends she did not strike them intentionally.

Kern said he is convinced the boys died from blows on the head. "She's afraid of making it all sound too brutal," he said.

Mrs. Williams told of first trying to kill her sons with an overdose of sleeping pills. When the pills failed, she said, she strangled each child with a handkerchief.

Asked why she killed the children, she gave two stories:

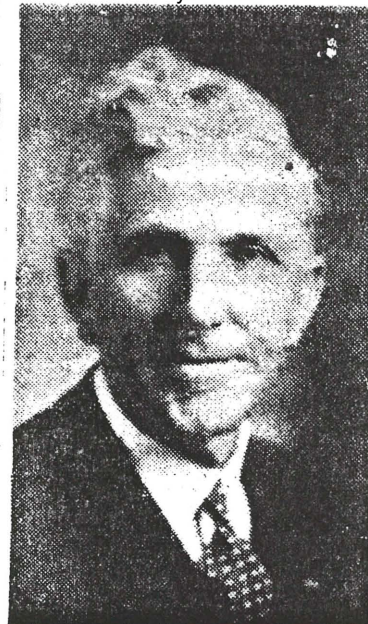
1. "Too much work, too much worry, too much strain."

2. "I suffered all my life. I didn't want them to suffer like I had."

"Somebody was telling my children their father was in the pen," she said.

The husband and father, Hoyt Williams, began a three-year federal prison sentence on Jan. 5 for violation of the Dyer Act.

"I couldn't see any good for them ahead, or for myself either; it was better to end it," she said.



JOHN RENFRO

Death Takes John Renfro, Huntington

John F. Renfro, 85, prominent Angelina county resident, died Wednesday in a local hospital after an illness of four weeks.

Mr. Renfro, a retired stockman, was a native of Angelina county and had lived at Huntington since 1911.

He was a former state legislator, having served from this district during fortieth and forty-first sessions.

Mr. Renfro was an ordained Methodist minister. He was a member of the Huntington Methodist church, having served as its minister at one time. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. Thursday in the Gipson Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Frank Cady and the Rev. F. D. Coppen will officiate with burial in Fielders Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Florence Schoff Renfro, Huntington; three sons, Preston S. Renfro of Zavalla, John F. Renfro, Jr., of Zavalla, and I. P. Renfro of Huntington; one daughter, Miss Bessie Renfro, Fordyce, Arkansas; one sister, Mrs. Tom Treadwell, Burke; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The body will lie-in-state at Gipson Funeral Home.

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CALIFORNIA TRAINEES—Two Angelina County men are taking Air Force basic training at Parks AFB, Calif. They are Robert D. Mayo (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mayo of Burke; and Frank M. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Bailey of Zavalla. *Feb. 2, 1955*

Flurry Rites Are Pending

Feb. 16, 1955
Funeral arrangements for John T. Flurry, 70, of Zavalla are incomplete.

Mr. Flurry died Wednesday morning at his home after a long illness.

He had lived in Angelina County most of his life.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Edward Flurry of the U.S. Air Force and Leon Flurry of Houston; two daughters, Miss Irene Flurry of Houston and Mrs. Gladys Horn of Beaumont; one brother, Hoyt Flurry of Huntington; one half-sister, Mrs. Josey Eason of Louisiana; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The body will remain at the Flurry residence in Zavalla until time of the services.

Gipson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wood Rites Set Sunday

Friday Jan. 2, 1955
Funeral services for Master Sergeant Fred Wood, Jr., 35, will be held at 3:30 p. m. Sunday in the Huntington Baptist Church, the Rev. Ady J. Smith, the Rev. George Dodson, and Dan Ivy officiating. Burial will be in Huntington Cemetery.

Sgt. Wood, a former resident of Huntington, died in Germany January 5 from injuries received in a fall.

He was born December 9, 1919 in Kirbyville. He lived in Huntington until 1941 when he enlisted in the Air Force.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Wood, Port Arthur; one brother, Lewis Wood, Houston; three sisters, Mrs. Jim Walker, Bridge City, Mrs. Samuel Pruitt, Gilmer, and Mrs. Harold Desmond, Houston; and his grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Wood, Port Arthur.

The body will remain at the home of Jim Wood, Huntington, from 9 a. m. Saturday until time of the services.

Gipson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Women Called For Jury Service In County Court

Feb. 14, 1955

First Angelina County women, regularly called for jury duty, have been summoned in County Court Monday at 9 a.m. The court convenes then for trial of civil suits.

The women are Mrs. Joline Jones, Mrs. T. W. McMullen and Mrs. J. J. Dodd.

Women have been called on one other occasion in county court for jury service, but they were not chosen from regular jury panels.

Other jurors called for Monday are:

K. E. Thompson, Elbert Allen, Earl Brazil, L. L. Ladd, James M. McCoy, Floyd Carson, Avery Lee, A. A. Grimes.

Thad E. Sitton, R. E. Roach, H. B. Barnes, W. L. Boykin, and T. J. Selman.

Cases on the docket which may be tried include:

The State of Texas vs. Bill Ramas; A. G. Perry vs. Raymond Frank Wagner; Commercial Finance Company vs. J. W. Burke, et al; Lufkin National Bank vs. A. J. Berry, Jr.; Commercial Finance Company vs. Nelson Jones; Commercial Finance Company vs. R. M. Gibson;

Carrol Allen vs. Ralph J. Bates; General Motors Acceptance Corp. vs. B. L. Collins; Charles Ruth vs. Otis Barge, et al; Tommy Floyd Crawford vs. Texas Department of Public Safety; Renard Linoleum and Rug Company, Inc. vs. Ideal Furniture Company, Inc.;

Forest Capital Broadcasting Company vs. Dudley L. Gibbs; Lufkin Supply Company vs. Bill Gross dba Bill Gross Lumber Company; R. N. Phillips vs. Lufkin Nash Company; Forest Capital Broadcasting Company vs. Ideal Furniture Company; William Travis Havard vs. Texas Department of Public Safety;

Ideal Furniture Company vs. B. B. Robb; Jack Brewer vs. Mary Arrington and P. T. Arrington; W. W. Sumrall vs. Texas Department of Public Safety; Johnnie Childers dba Childers Butane Company vs. R. V. Gilchrist; Cecil Choate vs. Texas Department of Public Safety; W. R. Parr vs. Texas Department of Public Safety; Woodrow Crawford vs. H. J. Barnes; First State Bank of Wells vs. A. L. Cannon;

M. J. Boulware vs. Dept. of Public Safety; First State Bank and Trust Company vs. Mrs. Abbie Martin and Lera L. Martin; John B. Ramsey vs. State of Texas; James Curtis Harrison vs. State of Texas; H. W. Truett vs. State of Texas; First State Bank vs. Sid Boynton; C. J. McCormick vs. Floyd McCormick;

Lufkin Supply Company vs. Groveton Mfg. Company; Lufkin Supply Company vs. A. E. Anglin; Minnie Lee Miller and Arthur Miller vs. Gus Lynch; Kenneth M. Barfield and Bennie L. Barfield vs.

Dept. of Public Safety; Lind Novelty Company vs. Trevathan Drug Company; Mrs. Mattie Collins vs. State of Texas; G. A. Glunt dba Interstate Reclamation Bureau vs. H. E. Trevathan dba Trevathan Drug Company;

Bobby G. McCurry and Lois Brookshire McCurry vs. Dept. of Public Safety; D. E. Singleton et al vs. Dept. of Public Safety; Jim Gunns vs. T & NO Railroad Company; Hobe Cie, Ltd. vs. Trevathan's Drug Company; Clarence Gay and Edide Mae Gay vs. Texas Dept. of Public Safety;

E. P. Presnall vs. Dept. of Public Safety; Perry Ricks vs. Dept. of Public Safety; Dan H. Myrick vs. Andy Jones; Ernest C. Hinson vs. Dept. of Public Safety; Joe M. Holland vs. Dept. of Public Safety; Joe J. Newman vs. Ralph Ruth et al; First State Bank and Trust Company vs. Fred Weeks; Curtis C. Grimes vs. W. A. Conner; Iva McDaniel Fogg vs. Dept. of Public Safety;

Jack Koon vs. Harvey Rhoden; Providence Watch Corp. vs. Herbert Trevathan; H. C. Rich vs. Eugene Perkins et al; C. L. Stanley vs. Dept. of Public Safety; Paul Ingle vs. J. A. Tarver and Gladys Tarver; Sanders Company, Inc. vs. Angelina Grocery Company; Buford Bryant Anderson vs. Dept. of Public Safety; Fox Company, vs. Trevathan's Drugs; Elmo, Inc. vs. Trevathan's Drugs; Berdine C. Grayson vs. TDPS; Wiley Franklin Mann vs. TDPS;

R. L. Ivie, Sr. vs. Oran Thomas Andrews; Jack Rolston Powell vs. TDPS; Sammie L. Warren vs. State of Texas; Norris Alexander vs. TDPS; Calvin Welch, Jr. vs. State of Texas; V. V. Johnson vs. Charles Modisette; Boesch Farm Products Company, Inc. vs. Jack Shelton; Willie P. Jenkins et al vs. TDPS; C. L. Alexander and Company vs. TDPS; Melvin Ray Hendry vs. State of Texas; James Carl Hightower vs. TD; Herman A. Nerren vs. TDPS;

Hornstein Photo Sales Inc. vs. Trevathan Drugs; Penhurst Pharmacal Company vs. Trevathan's Drugs; Great Western Serum Company vs. Herbert Trevathan dba Trevathan's Drugs; Henry J. Dean vs. TDPS; W. B. Montgomery vs. Dodd Barnes; Carolina Car-Truck Rental Company vs. Ray's Mfg. Company et al; N. E. Taylor vs. Nash Kelvinator Sales Corp. and Bufford Maddux dba Lufkin Nash Company; D. L. Dodson vs. Bennie Baker; Commercial Finance Company vs. Marion Williams, Horace Kimberley, and Hulen K. Kimberley;

Commercial Finance Company vs. Sam Baggett; Jim Scarbrough vs. TDPS; Houbigant Sales Corp. vs. Trevathan's Drug Store; Sam H. Kerr, Jr. et al vs. Giles Lowery;

J. A. Bauer Pottery Company vs. Herbert Trevathan Drugs; Commercial Finance Company vs. J. B. Townsend et al; E. R. Oates vs. Albert V. Whitaker;

Commerical Finance Company vs. Joseph A. Caston; Bethel Mills vs. Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York; Emmett De La Fosse vs. TDPS; E. L. Berry vs. Edward D. Fairchild; William G. Davis vs. TDPS; Pangburn Company, Inc. vs. Herbert (Hub) Trevathan; Abbott Laboratories vs. Herbert Trevathan, Sr. dba Trevathan's Pharmacy; Commercial Finance Company vs. R. M. Hoke et ux;

National Cash Register Company vs. Trevathan's Drugs; Lufkin Supply Company vs. R. E. Booth; James Ray Wilcox vs. TDPS; Commercial Finance Company vs. Foster L. Bosworth; Commercial Finance Company vs. George Jackson; Trenoy Parrish vs. TDPS; M. A. Kyle vs. TDPS; E. R. Squibb and Son vs. Herbert Trevathan, Sr.; The Prakticon Company, Inc. vs. Herbert Trevathan, Sr.;

J. M. Modisett et ux vs. TDPS; Curtis Morris vs. TDPS; Joseph Hagn Company vs. Herbert Trevathan; United Investment Company and O. L. McFaddin vs. Billy Joe Biscamp; Mack Tobias vs. Bydie Bailey; Taft Barringer, Jr. et ux vs. W. A. Kendrick; Toledo Scale Company vs. David Boles; Complete Auto Transit, Inc. vs. Thomas M. Durham; Taylor Hardware Company, Inc. vs. O. L. Jordan;

First State Bank and Trust Company vs. Wilson Page; Allen Sweet Publishing Company vs. Isom P. Hydrick; H. J. Shands, Jr. vs. Ray's Mfg. Company; Southern Pine Lumber Company vs. Willie C. George; Charlie G. Wilson vs. TDPS; Lufkin Transfer and Storage Company vs. James A. Doherty et al.

GRANDMOTHER MADE DEPUTY

January 7, 1955
Lufkin-AP—A 41-

year-old grandmother has become Angelina County's first deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Leon Jones said Mrs. Vera White will carry a full commission like male members of his staff, but that her principal duties will be keeping jail records and book-keeping.

"She will have access to a gun," the sheriff added.

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March 2, 1955 Today Is Texas Fourth Of July

WASHINGTON - ON - THE - BRAZOS (P)—If you meet up with a Texan today and he starts bragging, better not cross him, Podner. This is his Fourth of July.

March 2 is Texas Independence Day. On this day 119 years ago a bunch of Texans met on the banks of the Brazos River here and declared their state would be free of Mexico.

In just seven weeks, being Texans, they made their vow stick. Gen. Sam Houston's forces whipped the Mexican Arm at San Jacinto, near Houston, the following April 21, and Texas was a sovereign nation.

For Texans around the world, this is a day not to be taken lightly.

Most city, county and state offices were closed. The University of Texas had speakers traveling

far and wide to address Independence Day meetings in Texas cities. The University in Austin holds its traditional cannon firing at 11:45 a. m. CST.

Texans gathering for observances in this historic town were to hear addresses by Maj. Gen. Albert Johnson of the Texas National Guard and A. Garland Adair, executive director of the Texas Heritage Foundation. In Washington, Texans headed by Rep. Olin Teague, Democrat from College Station, were to go to Arlington National Cemetery this morning to place a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier as a tribute to Texans who died serving the United States.

A typical Texas patriot was Miss Adina de Zavala, 93, who died at San Antonio yesterday. she was the granddaughter of Gen. Lorenzo de Zavala, the first vice president of the Texas Republic.

Around the turn of the century she barricaded herself in the Alamo at San Antonio three days. Hotel interests had obtained an option on part of the historic mission grounds and were planning to put up a building there.

A band of gallant Texans was massacred in the Alamo during the revolution, and Miss De Zavala wasn't about to see the shrine torn down. She stayed in it until the Daughters of the Republic of Texas got a court injunction against the hotel and the governor promised nothing would happen to the Alamo. The mission, now owned by the state, is preserved as a shrine.

They're saying that Texas, which joined the Union in 1845, has quietly taken over the United States.

Sam Rayburn, a Texan, is House speaker.

Lyndon Johnson, a Texan, is Senate majority leader.

And Dwight Eisenhower — born at Denison, Tex.—grew up to be President.

Rites Held For June 11, 1955 Lake Victim

Funeral services for Virgil Scott Wilson, 28, of Pasadena, were held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Huntington, the Rev. George Dodson officiating. Burial was in Shofner Cemetery.

Mr. Wilson drowned Wednesday when his boat capsized in Dam B reservoir near Woodville. His body was recovered Friday morning.

Mr. Wilson was born January 19, 1927, in Tyler. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Patricia Lynn Wilson, both of Pasadena; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of Ardmore, Okla.; five brothers, Herschel Wilson and Roy Wilson, both of Los Angeles, L. A. Wilson of New York, Billie Wilson of Washington, and Sonny Wilson of Ardmore; six sisters, Mrs. Maxine Hensley, Mrs. Mary Lou Lathrop, Mrs. Linda Shirley, Miss Sherry Wilson, all of Ardmore, Mrs. Margaret Brooks of Los Angeles and Mrs. Juanita Hale of Galveston.

Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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only one "L" B.R.M

BROOKS INSTRUMENTAL IN McGEE BEND DAM APPROPRIATION

Statement Of Congressman Jack Brooks Before The House Of Representatives On McGee Bend Dam June 16, 1955.

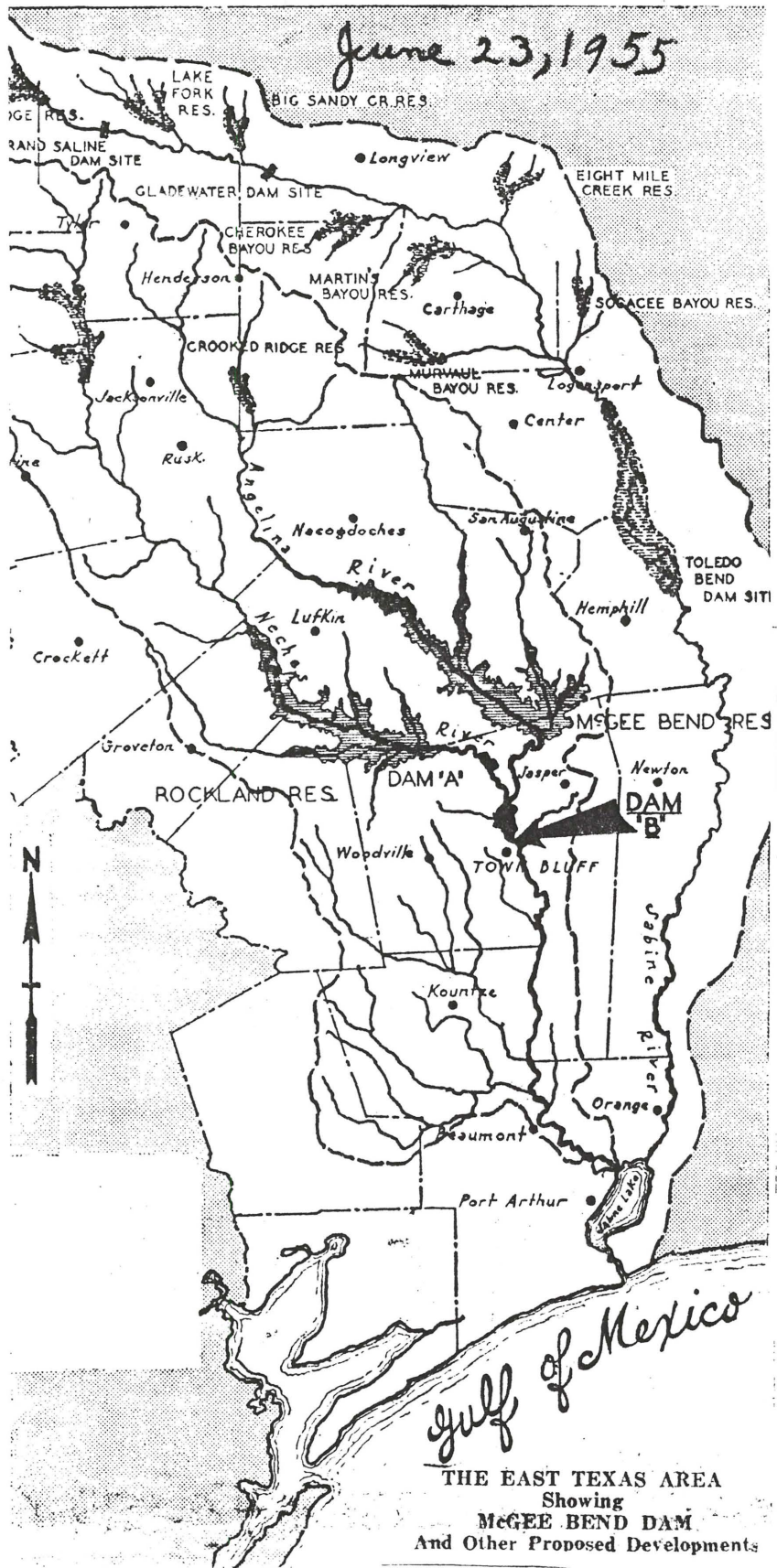
MR. SPEAKER, I want to respectfully bring to my colleagues' attention the importance of the \$1.5 million item in the Public Works Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year 1956 to begin construction on the McGee Bend Dam system in Jasper County, Texas.

This project is one of the most important single projects ever proposed for the eleven counties in Southeast Texas that I represent. It was first authorized in 1945 to more fully utilize the tremendous fresh water resources of the Naches and Angelina river system—one of the largest run-offs of fresh water in the Southwest. The rapid industrial and agricultural development of the Gulf Coast area during World War II clearly pointed up the need for the careful control of this river—for flood control to protect the giant refineries, chemical plants, and rubber producing plants which line the lower part of the Neches River; for additional power to furnish electricity development in neighboring counties; to the five REA Co-ops in the area as well as to enable further industrial and to provide a constant and dependable source of water for an important segment of our nation's rice growers.

During the Korean Emergency, a Corps of Engineers spokesman appeared before the Civil Functions Subcommittee and requested funds for nine projects as "those which we see as the next necessary (projects) and (those which) fit into the defense and essential civilian economic programs." Among these nine projects was the proposal for the completion of the McGee Bend Dam project.

McGee Bend Dam will lie in the heart of the Second Congressional District and will certainly pump life-blood into all parts of its economic life.

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Fisherman Drowns As Boat Sucked Into Dam B Whirlpool

1955
A 28-year-old Pasadena, Texas, man drowned Wednesday about noon in the Dam B reservoir near Woodville.

He was V. S. Wilson who had gone fishing in the reservoir while visiting his wife's relatives in Huntington. His wife, the former Miss Emmo Jean Shofner of Huntington, and her mother, Mrs. Loy Shofner, had accompanied Mr. Wilson on the fishing trip.

Two witnesses to the tragedy were John Labosky and D. L. Elliott, both of Lufkin. The two fishermen were on the bank about 300 feet from where a whirlpool near the dam locks sucked Wilson's boat under.

Labosky and Elliott said they saw Wilson's boat draw near the dam and Wilson threw out an anchor which was caught in the current and moved the boat into the whirlpool in front of the open

June 8, 1955
locks. Witnesses saw Wilson bob up to the surface and go under again. The body had not been located Thursday morning.

Mrs. Shofner said she and the Wilsons arrived at the reservoir about 11 a. m. Wednesday and the accident occurred at noon.

"My daughter and I had gone back to the car and did not know of the accident for about an hour," she said.

Wilson was alone in a rented boat, but was using his new outboard motor for the first time, said Mrs. Shofner. Searchers found a receipt for the motor floating in the reservoir.

Searching operations continued until after midnight, with a diver being unable to locate the body.

Wilson's survivors include his wife and a two-year-old daughter, Patricia Lynn.



HUNTINGTON'S CENTRAL . . . Mrs. Beulah King knows 40 telephone numbers.

Knows All The Numbers

'Central' Vital Part Of Life In Huntington

By TOM HOOSER
Daily News Staff

Many folks have trouble remembering one telephone number, but Mrs. Beulah King, "central" at Huntington, can rattle off 400 at the drop of a telephone receiver.

Mrs. King operates the manual telephone system which serves 250 users in the Huntington-Zavalla area. She knows all 250 numbers and about 150 more in Lufkin which she calls most frequently.

Huntington residents say Mrs. King contributes much to the well-being of their community and last year they gave her a sewing machine as a token of their appreciation.

Mrs. King knows just about

everybody in Huntington and those she doesn't know by sight, she can recognize by their voice.

She is literally a one-woman telephone directory and information bureau. Huntington residents tell her where they are going and when they'll return and give her countless messages to relay.

One of "central's" most important roles in community life is during an emergency.

She is called upon to report fires, announce births, organize searching parties, and call for ambulances.

Recently a call came in that a young hunter was lost in the woods somewhere near Huntington. Mrs. King called the fire sta-

tion and asked them to sound the alarm whistle. When curious residents called in, Mrs. King told them the trouble. Soon every person in the community knew the boy was lost and search parties had been organized. The boy was found about 1 a. m.

In emergencies, word is relayed quickly by Mrs. King, who throws several lines open and she is able to tell many callers at one time what has happened.

Friends of Mrs. King would be surprised if she did not know where someone had gone and when they would return.

When someone comes in to the telephone exchange and says "I see that Smith boy, tell him to go ahead and start loading wood tomorrow", that person can rest easy that "central" will either see the boy or see that he gets the message.

At night Mrs. King depends on an alarm to wake her when a call comes in.

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After the Neches-Angelina dam project was authorized in 1945, money was appropriated to begin construction on a small re-regulating dam downstream from the main, multi-purpose McGee Bend Dam. This small dam in the system, known as Dam "B", was located near Town Bluff on the Neches River. However before any work on the project was begun, local interests in Southeast Texas were required to pledge \$5 million toward the cost of the entire dam system. The Lower Neches Valley Authority of Beaumont, Texas, a state agency, obligated itself to pay the local contribution. To expediate the construction of Dam "B" the LNVA offered to furnish, in advance \$2, million of the total pledge of \$5 million. The \$2 million was paid by local interests in Southeast Texas in advance and small re-regulating dam was built for a total cost of about \$6 million. The Government then appropriated additional amounts totaling about \$850,000 for advance planning of the main dam and the peo-

ple in the Second Congressional District stood by to make good their obligation of another \$3 million upon completion of the project—as had been agreed by the Government.

Since 1952, however, no appropriation has been earmarked for construction of McGee Bend Dam. Our people have spent \$2 million in cash for a small dam that was designed to be a part of the major system authorized in 1945. The lake behind the dam is too small to hold enough water even for limited flood control, agriculture or industrial purposes. The continued economic development of the construction of the main dam as originally planned and as originally agreed to by the government when the LNVA contributed the initial amount of \$2 million.

This year I appeared before the Western Division of the Subcommittee

on Public Works of the House Appropriations Committee along with representatives of the LNVA and the REA Electric Co-ops which serve Southeast Texas. At that time, Mr. Ed Easterling of the LNVA presented the Chairman a letter from Mr. Roy Nelson, president of the Gulf States Utilities Company of Beaumont, Texas, offering to buy the power generated at McGee Bend Dam for a price of \$800,000 per year.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert pertinent parts of this letter at this point.

Gulf States Utility Company
Beaumont, Texas

House Gives Final OK To McGee Dam

WASHINGTON — Final House approval for the \$1.5 million appropriation to begin construction on McGee Bend Dam has been voted, Congressman Jack Brooks announced, as the Conference Committee report on the Public Works Appropriations Bill cleared the House of Representatives by a 315 to 92 vote.

Congressman Brooks, who guided the East Texas project's construction money through two Houses Appropriations Subcommittees, the full Appropriations Committee and on to initial passage by the House on June 16, said that he hoped for Senate approval of the Conference Report shortly. After both House and Senate approval of the Conference Report, the Public Works Appropriations bill will go to the President for his signature.

The McGee Bend appropriation was one project of a handful in the \$1.4 billion Public Works Bill to be approved without previous recommendation of the Bureau of the Budget.

Congressman Brooks praised the role of Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson in getting the appropriation through the Senate, along with the aid of Texas' Junior Senator Price Daniel and Senator Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana. "Senator Johnson told a meeting in the Second District in 1953 that he would support any appropriation for McGee Bend that I could get through the House."

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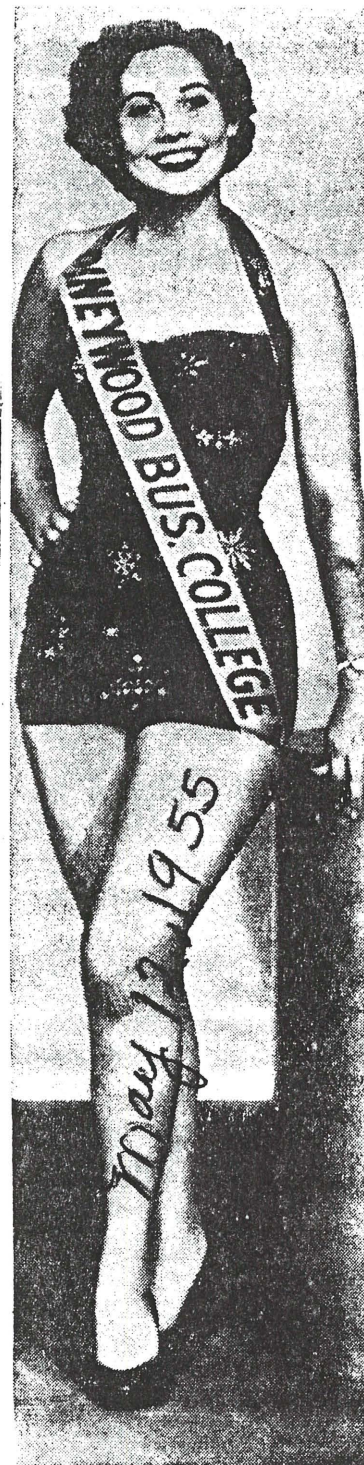
The \$47 million project was authorized by Congress in 1945. With the contribution of \$2 million from the Lower Neches Valley Authority, the Army Corps of Engineers completed the small re-regulating dam, known as Dam "B," near Town Bluff. Although \$850,000 has been spent by the Engineers on advance planning for McGee Bend Dam, no money had been earmarked for actual construction until Congressman Brooks pushed the \$1.5 million appropriation through the House in June.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Robert Kelling and Bertha Mae
Bell; Harold Marwood Buford
and Yvonne Hopkins; Monroe Wil-
liam Ward and Rebecca Sue Skel-
ton. July 3, 1955

Yvonne Hopkins
married
July 3, 1955



MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Burns, 315 Persimmon Avenue, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Billie Burns of Dallas, to Sam Styles Jr., son of Mrs. Sam Styles of Dallas. The rites were solemnized July 23 in Huntsville. The couple are residing in Dallas. *July 23, 1955*



CONTESTANT—Barbara Parham will represent Pineywood Business College in the Miss Lufkin Pageant, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The pageant will be presented on June 1, 2, and 3.

(Photo by Mowan)



Aug. 26, 1955
Daisy Courtney
Rites Scheduled
Born Aug 25, 1945
This Afternoon

Graveside services will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock at Gann Cemetery for Daisy Marlene Courtney, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Printes Courtney of Zavalla. She died in a local hospital Thursday morning, shortly after birth.

Other than her mother and father she is survived by one sister, Darlene Courtney of Zavalla, and one brother, Printes Ray Courtney of Zavalla; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wagner of Nacogdoches and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Courtney of Zavalla.

Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

GOOD FORAGE—T. W. Granberry (right) grazed 85 head of cows, calves and a bull on this 11-acre patch of Cattail Millet for 18 days. He recently took them off to give plants time to recover growth. When planted, the millet was fertilized with 300 pounds of 10-20-0 per acre, and later two acres were side-dressed as an experiment. On one acre 200 pounds of ammonium nitrate was put down, and on the other only 100 pounds. W. F. Wichman, Soil Conservation Service technician, discusses grazing practices with Mr. Granberry. This will be seen on a conservation tour Friday at the Granberry Farm.

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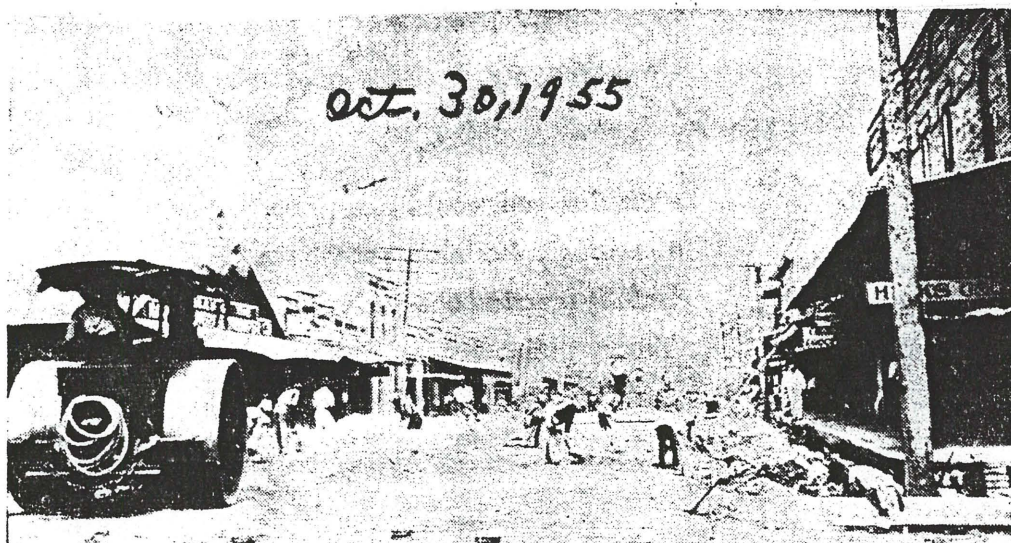
ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Luce announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ada, to Simon Womack, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Womack of Zavalla. The wedding is calendared for October 22 at the home of Rev. and Mrs. K. W. Mott of Nacogdoches, with Rev. Mott officiating.

Sept. 25, 1955 (Photo By Joy Studio)

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JOYCE HARRIS, above, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harris, will pilot the Zavalla yearbook through its devious ways of 1955-56. Joyce is a competent senior with a very successful high school record behind her. The annual is sponsored by the senior class; however it is the product of cooperative work of the entire student body, the teachers, and the community. Assisting Joyce will be the following capable staff: Lessie Moses, Jesse Moses, Milton Hudspeth, Kenneth Myers, Elmar Jean Gaskamp, Hubert Roebuck, and Zetha-leen Marshall. Mrs. Kate Crain is the faculty sponsor for the group.



FIRST PAVING—Paving work on Lufkin Avenue was begun in 1915. A steam roller is shown at left, and in the background is the old water tower, where Kurth Memorial Library now stands.

Oct. 30, 1955



IN 1915—This old picture, taken 40 years ago, shows construction work on East Lufkin Avenue near the First Street intersection. The mules in the foreground appear to be standing knee deep in mud or soft earth.

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IN 1955—Forty years later East Lufkin Avenue is shown filled with modern automobiles. However, construction on Lufkin Avenue continues. The street is scheduled to be improved east to Timberland Drive in 1956.

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Angelina County Organized in 1846

Angelina County was organized April 26, 1846, with its territory taken from Nacogdoches county, at that time the largest county in the state. The name, was taken from the Angelina River.

The state legislature that passed the act creating Angelina County appointed seven commissioners, all of Angelina County, to lay it out and receive donations of land for the county seat. These commissioners were W. G. Lang, Henry Massingill, Jame L. Ewing, Joseph Herrington, Wiley Colwell, John T. Bowman and John McAnnelly.

Marion, 12 miles east of Lufkin on the west band of the Angelina River, was the first county seat. The land for the town was conveyed to the commissioners of Angelina County by J. C. Moses of San Augustine. The county swapped Moses lot 2 block 3 of the town of Marion for this 51 acres.

Ephriam Finley, Wiley Colwell and Eli Gilliland were elected justices of the peace and lieutenant colonel, respectively, in the first election held in the county, which took place at Marion on December 14, 1846. This election was held at the home of Ott Sick-

enberger. Only six votes were cast. Those voting were Thomas Walker, James Gilliland, "Squire" Brown, G. T. W. Collings and A.C. Colwell. All candidates in this election received six votes.

One of the first court orders to be recorded in Angelina County reads: "Ordered by the court that the sum of \$5 be appropriated to furnish a table for the district clerk's office, a treasury draft to be issued to Jacob Davis for said amount, on receipt of said table, the above to be issued as an official draft."

This order was written in Marion on August 22, 1854 and signed by A. Bradshaw, justice of the peace.

Marion, in the beginning, consisted of a few frame buildings a general dry goods store, a drug store, blacksmith shop, a two-story log court house and a few used for residential purposes. Later brick was used, being floated down the Angelina River on a barge from Pollok.

Officials at Marion

The following is a list of officials who served while Marion was the county seat:

County clerks F. B. Brown, E.

Finley and A. C. Colwell; chief justice, Joseph Herrington, Thomas B. Anderson, and Ephriam Finley; probate judge John D. Windham; county commissioners J. D. Windham, Otto Sickerberger, Z. L. Stringer, J. J. Bowman, Francis Hill, Samuel Gilliland, William Anderson and Thomas Mooney; justices of the peace B. L. Hanks and T. L. Crawford, district clerk J. D. Gann; county surveyor W. G. Lang; assessor and collector James L. Ewing; constable C. H. Delaney; coroner Joel Hill; sheriff A. M. Red; and school trustees T. R. Walker, S. T. Trawick and T. B. Sessions, district 2; W. G. Lang W. W. Manning and F. B. Brown, district 4; and E. B. Cochran, William Herrington and James Faires, district 29.

While Marion was the county seat of Angelina, there were not more than 300 voters in the county at one time. "Election" times, however, were great affairs and it is not likely that many eligible voters stayed away from the polls. Residents in the far end of the county would leave home a day early in order to arrive in Marion, via the horse and buggy

route, in time to cast their ballots.

The only trial of which there is a record, held in Marion, came to a sudden and disastrous end when the defendant, a Negro slave, literally "flew the coop."

The slave, on trial for theft, jumped from a window of his log cabin cell, so the story goes, while the jury was being selected and outran the law to the timber line never to be seen again. And so, if the docket could be found, this case would still be on file, untied.

Moved to Jonesville

In 1854, the county began to cast an eye at the town of Jonesville as the next county seat. Here is the court order that on December 11, 1854, moved the county seat from Marion to Jonesville: "We, Martin Jones, Francis Hill, and Hardy Partier, who were appointed by the legislature for the county aforesaid, do hereby notify you that suitable offices are prepared at Jonesville, from now to be the county seat of Angelina, for the Sheriff, District Attorney, and County Clerks."

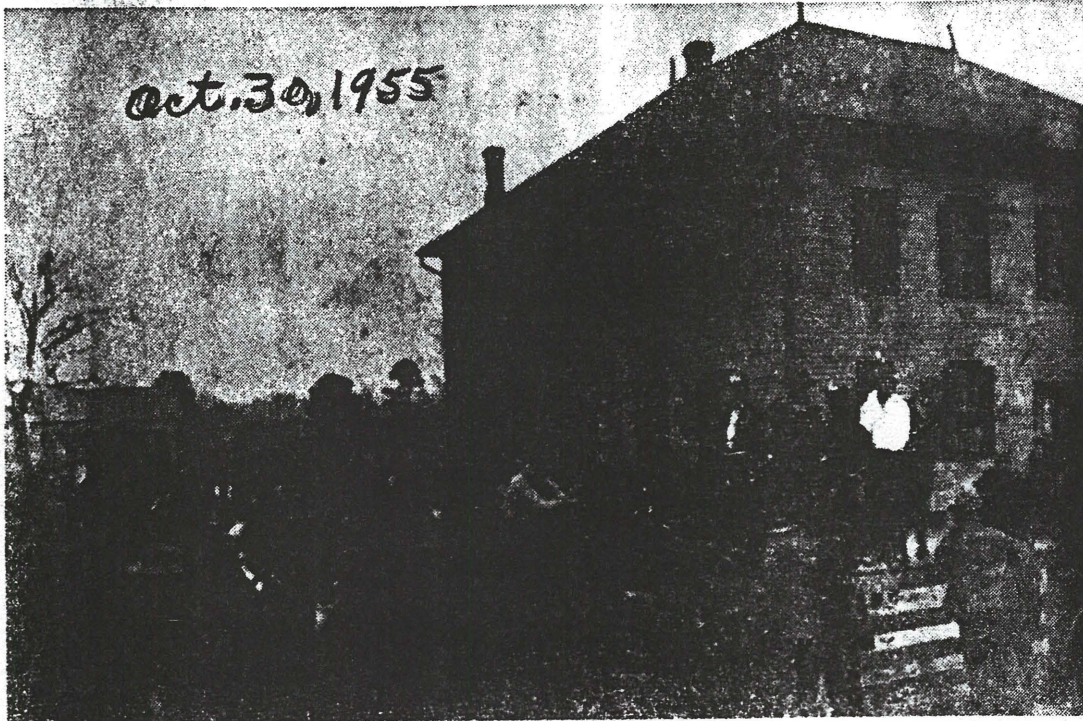
Jonesville actually became the county seat on February 25, 1855, and remained such until 1858 when again the county seat was moved, this time to Homer, four miles east of Lufkin.

The history of Homer is a tragic one. Starting from a small sawmill, the first in a county that was to become prosperous through its pine forests, and fighting its way to a thriving, busy town, with an unlimited future, Homer saw its ambitions, hopes and future fall with the turning of a railroad.

The story of the railroad surveyors who became so infuriated because of their arrest in Homer that they turned the H. E. & W. T. tracks at Burke in order that the road would miss the county seat, tells the story of the fall of Homer.

Dr. D. D. Manning, a man of culture and education, settled in the virgin pine forest one mile from where Homer was to be, in 1855. Manning came to Angelina County from Louisiana and built the first sawmill, which gave employment to 12 men. He also named the town after Homer, the poet.

The Manning mill cut and planed the lumber for most of the homes and buildings constructed in Homer. This marked the advent of planed lumber in the



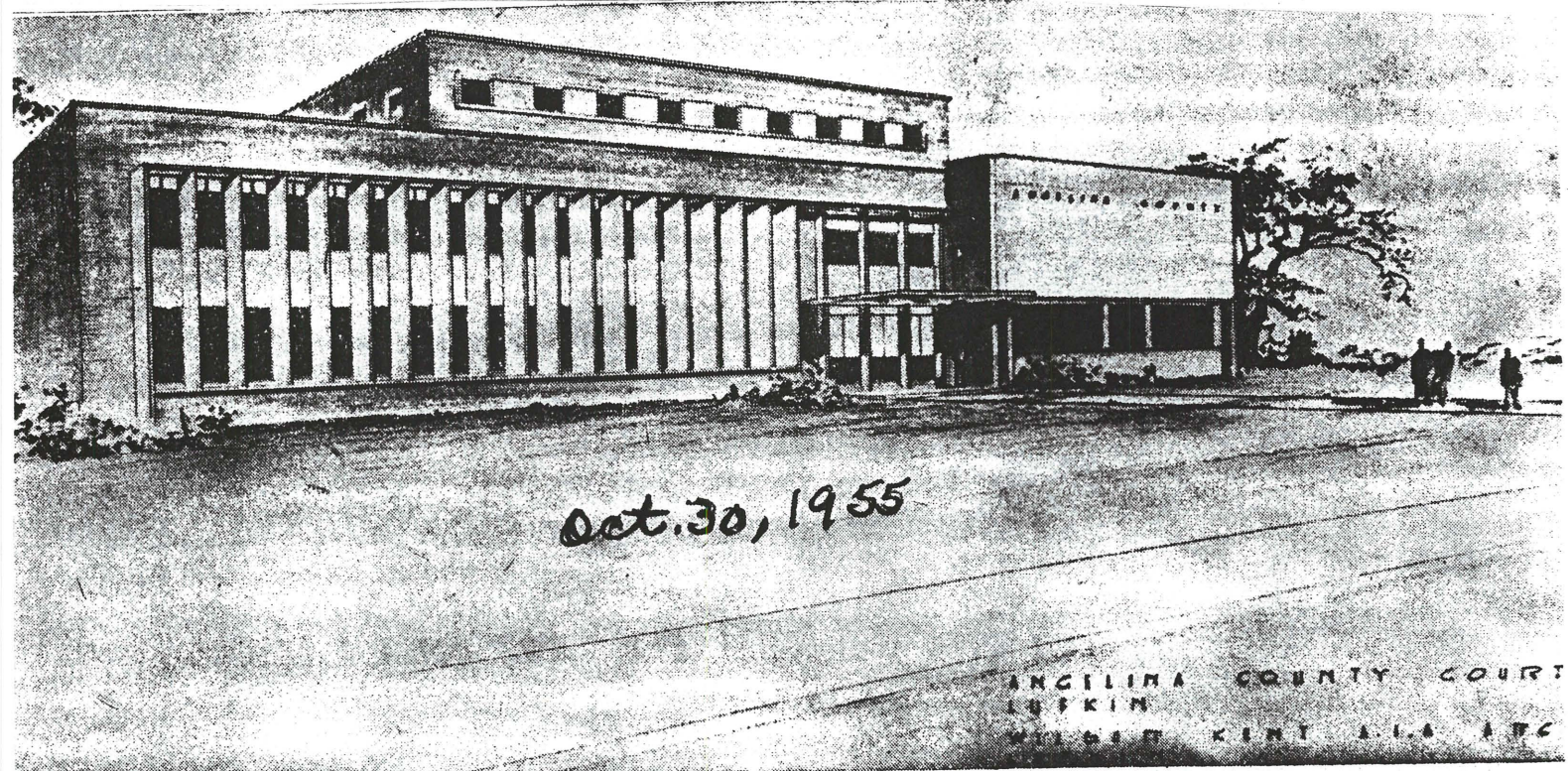
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FIRST BRICK COURTHOUSE—The second courthouse building to occupy the square in Lufkin was this structure, built in 1902. This picture was taken about the year 1928. It was razed to make way for a new courthouse nearing completion now.



NEW ANGELINA COUNTY COURTHOUSE ... To be occupied soon.

Zavalla High Sets All-Girl Cage Tourney This Week

Thursday Nov. 3, 1955

The annual girls basketball tournament held by Zavalla High school will start Thursday with the finals slated for 8:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Fourteen schools have entered the tourney which is composed of two brackets. First round pairing will have Pineland meeting Broad-s, Chester playing Kountze, Woen going against Big Sandy, Apple Springs playing Honey Island, Huntington opposing the host team Zavalla, and Central Consolidated playing Spurger.

Both Bronson and Garey drew first round byes, but will see second round action. Bronson will play the winner of the Zavalla-Huntington tilt, while Garey will meet the winner of the Central Consolidated-Spurger game.

Play will start Thursday evening at 6 p.m., with games slated to start Friday at 8 a.m. and carry through the day. Saturday the semi-finals will get under way at 8 a.m. with the finals set for that night.

Trophies will go to the winner

plonship and consolation brackets, with extra awards to be given to the best sport, and the most valuable player.

Seven minutes will be allowed between halves, and also in order to cut down on the time element all quarters will be only seven minutes long.

Officials for the tournament are P. S. Wichman of Lufkin, John O'Banion of Jasper, John Certa of San Augustine, and Jack Wilkin-son also of San Augustine. All are Southwest Conference Officials, announced L. D. Emmons, the tournament director.

Sorority's Fund For Auto Crash Victim Moves Slowly

Nov. 9, 1955

The Stella McGilbery fund drive, sponsored by Tau Phi Lambda Sorority for the purpose of helping Mrs. McGilbery, critically injured wreck victim who has lain in coma these nineteen months, is progressing slowly.

Mrs. McGilbery, suffering a permanent brain injury has received every possible treatment, but specialists offer little hope. Since the last medical consultation, she has been at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lottie Ray, 810 Abney, where

it is necessary to maintain a 24 hour vigil at her bedside.

Friends of the family in their church and other friends have aided as they could; however, the enormous expense of caring for Stella during these long nineteen months still must be met—and continued.

Tau Phi Lambda Sorority, a non-academic, non-secular organization which monthly selects a worthy project to support, has chosen to sponsor the McGilbery fund drive and hopes to help this family alleviate at least the financial burden of this unfortunate circumstance.

Persons interested in helping this worthy cause may contribute bed linens, pajamas (size 36) or money, which will be used to defray the considerably large drug bill that has mounted in the necessary care of Stella.

Those wishing to make contributions may contact Mrs. Frank Villarreal, Jr., Route 6, Box 8x, Lufkin; Mrs. Don Boon, 212 Arena, Phone 3-7569; Mrs. Margaret Mahoney, 204 Hoskins, Phone 3-4282; Mrs. Mildred Lumpkin, Phone 3-6161; or contact the Lufkin Daily News.

STELLA MCGILBERY FUND DONATIONS

Bob York, \$5.00; W. C. Royle, \$1.00; Henry Yancy, \$2.50; Pauline Slover, \$1.00; Anonymous, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. Pat McCann, \$10.00; Trahey Beauty Shop, \$5.00; Mrs. Joe McLane, 4 sheets, 4 pairs pillow cases.





TOM CLARK OF HOUSTON, (left) hunting four miles south of Zavalla with George Gilliland of Zavalla (right), and Charles Coleman of Lufkin, shot a six-point, 165-pound buck at 1 p.m. Thursday.
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MR. AND MRS. ERNEST CRAIN

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Linda Alexander Becomes Bride Of Ernest Crain

Miss Linda Alexander and Ernest Crain exchanged double ring wedding vows in a ceremony performed Friday, November 18, at 7 p. m. at the Huntington Methodist Church.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crain.

The Rev. George Dodson repeated the ceremony before an illuminated altar flanked by baskets of white mums and seasonal greenery.

A prelude of nuptial music and the traditional wedding marches were presented by Mrs. Stewart LeSassier of Huntington. Soloist was Mrs. Odie Lewis of Nacogdoches whose selections were "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose a cotton satin

dress of antique ivory brocade which featured a V-neckline extending to the front and back. Brocaded gold leaves and white flowers formed a garland effect on the long, full torso skirt. Her jewelry consisted of an imported Italian handbeaded necklace with matching ear rings.

A brown velvet hat and brown lizard accessories completed her ensemble. She carried a white Bible topped with white orchids and stephanotis.

The bride's only attendant, Mrs. O. S. Jones, Jr. of Huntington, chose a forest green taffeta dress complemented by black accessories. She carried a nosegay of yellow chrysanthemums.

Tommy Cassels of Lufkin was best man. Gene Earl Alexander, brother of the bride, and Giles Lowery served as ushers and candlelighters.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Alexander chose a black wool suit with pink accessories. Mrs. Crain selected a dark brown suit with matching accessories. Their corages were fashioned of pink carnations.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlor. White mums and carnations on a reflector formed the centerpiece for the table covered with a white cutwork cloth. White candles flanked the centerpiece.

Mrs. Preston Renfro of Zavalla served the tiered wedding cake and Mrs. Wilburn Carrell presided at the punch service. Mrs. Hastings Hawkins registered guests at the bride's book.

The bride is a graduate of Huntington High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, editor of the school annual, F. F. A. sweetheart, most talented girl and in National Who's Who.

Following graduation from Zavalla High School, the groom served two years in the U. S. Army and is now selfemployed in ranching and farming.

The bride wore a gray blue suit with brown accessories and a white orchid corsage for traveling.

Following a short wedding trip to the coast, the couple will return to their new home in Huntington.

Mrs. Champ McMullen of Keltys directed the wedding.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Shofner of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shofner, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Lewis of Nacogdoches, Mr. and Mrs. Lennord Jennings of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Townsend, and Tommy Jean Cassels of Zavalla. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Blakely of Dallas.

Mrs. Lillie Cook, Mrs. Sula Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Anderson, Mrs. Preston Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Flournoy, Mrs. Violet Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smith, all of Lufkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Champ McMullen of Keltys.

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Guilty Plea Entered

January 4, 1956

Rapist Father Sentenced To Life Imprisonment

By TOM HOOSER
Daily News Staff

Rudie T. Ward was sentenced to life in the state penitentiary by a jury in district court Wednesday morning, a verdict recommended by the district attorney after agreement with Ward's attorney.

Ward, not quite 35, pleaded guilty to the rape of his 11-year-old daughter last June 19 near Lufkin. His guilty plea came after District Attorney Bob Murphey, and Percy Foreman, Ward's attorney, reached an agreement on the recommended verdict.

Before the jury was selected, both attorneys asked the panel if each juror could accept the state's recommendation of life imprisonment, and there were no negative replies.

Witnesses in the trial were the condemned man's daughter; Mrs. Faye Wright, her aunt and her mother's sister; Dr. Felix Peebles Jr., who treated the girl at the Angelina County hospital that Sunday morning; Sheriff Leon Jones, who arrested Ward in Rusk at the home of his mother and conducted the investigation; and Mr. Murphey, who took a statement from Ward after his arrest.

Testimony and the statement revealed that the Wards, with four of their five children, went fishing on the Angelina River the afternoon of Saturday, June 18. At 3 a. m. Sunday, June 19, Mrs. Ward became ill and was taken to the hospital in Lufkin. Mr. Ward picked up their four children there and took them out about four miles west of Lufkin on State Highway 103, to a point approximately a mile west of Mrs. Wright's residence on Highway 103. The offense was committed at 4 a. m. in the front seat of an automobile near Crawford Creek while the younger children, a boy and two girls, slept in the rear seat.

Ward at 6 a. m. took the children to their aunt's residence and let them out. Mrs. Wright testified that the girl first told her she had started menstruating and denied that anyone had "bothered" her. After conferring with relatives, they took Jo Carol to the County Hospital for treatment.

Dr. Peebles testified that her injuries were more severe than the average adult woman suffers at childbirth.

Ward first went back to the campsite on the river; then with a brother of his wife drove to his mother's residence in Rusk. The brother returned the car to Lufkin.

The Wards were visiting rela-

tives in Angelina County on June 19, from their home in Shreveport, La. Ward was a truck driver.

Judge James H. Moore of Lufkin presided. The court's charge contained the information that the penalty for rape can be death, life imprisonment, or any term of years not less than five.

The jury foreman was M. M. Flournoy. Two women served in the jury. The other 11 jurors were Roy L. Woodard, Mrs. G. T. Gilbert, L. K. Pace, A. J. Brevell, M. E. Massingill, Sherrill Conner, Roy Treadwell, K. W. Barley, J. V. Ellis, A. F. Murdock, and Mrs. Hattie Vanglahn.

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Elizabeth Cooper, age 6 mos.,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C.
Cooper, Zavalla.

W. C. Jones Final Rites Held Today

Jan. 17, 1956

Funeral services for William Cal Jones, 74, of Huntington were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Huntington Baptist Church with Rev. George Dodson officiating.

Interment followed in the Odd Fellows Cemetery with the Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 113 in charge of the committal.

Mr. Jones died Tuesday in a local hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Jones was a life-long resident of Huntington. He was born February 19, 1881. Before his retirement several years ago he was engaged in farming. He was a member of the Huntington Baptist Church and had been a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 113 for the past 50 years.

Survivors included his wife, Mrs. Cal Jones of Huntington; five daughters, Mrs. Mary Sowell of Huntington, Mrs. Linell Roberts of Houston, Mrs. Hazel Koch of Kerrville, Mrs. Emogene Wind of Huntington, and Mrs. Velma Grutzmacher of Corpus Christi; one son, Dillon Liles of Houston; one brother, Frank Jones of Lufkin; 11 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; one great - great grandchild.

Pallbearers were: Hugh Havard, Lee McKewen, Jones Kimmey, Buck Le Moine, Jack Kimmey, and F. Coburn.

Oakley-Metcalf Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Rev. Lindsey Dies Thursday At Zavalla

Jan. 19, 1956

Funeral services for Rev. William Martin Lindsey, 67, will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. in the Hebron Baptist Church with Rev. Grady Perry of the West Side Baptist Church, Nacogdoches officiating.

Interment will follow in the Hebron cemetery, San Augustine County.

Rev. Lindsey died Thursday morning, January 19, at his residence in Zavalla where he had been a resident for the past eight years.

He had been a Baptist minister for about 35 years and was pastor of the Harvey Creek Baptist Church until poor health forced his retirement in 1953.

He held the pastorate in several churches in San Augustine and Angelina Counties during his active ministry. He was a native of Angelina County, having been born here April 25, 1888.

The remains will lie in state at the family residence at Zavalla until 12:30 p. m. Saturday.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Bertie Lindsey of Zavalla; three daughters, Mrs. Rena Jordan of Beaumont, Mrs. Evelyn Havard of Beaumont and Miss Adelle Lindsey of Dallas; one son, Daniel Lindsey of Beaumont; one sister, Mrs. W. E. Harmon of Lufkin; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Oakley-Metcalf is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ruth Last Rites Held Today

Jan. 24, 1956

Funeral services for Mrs. G. B. Ruth, Sr. were to be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the United Pentecostal Church, with Rev. L. E. Bass and Rev. K. W. Mott officiating.

Interment was to be in the Zavalla cemetery.

Mrs. Ruth, 72, died Tuesday morning at her residence in Zavalla.

A native of Angelina County, she was born November 22, 1883 and had lived in Zavalla and Angelina County all her life. She was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include her husband, G. B. Ruth, Sr., of Zavalla; four daughters, Mrs. Bessie Lock of Austin, Mrs. Jessie Lock of Kirbyville, Mrs. Reba Atkins of Houston, and Mrs. Verna Ely of Houston; three sons, G. B. Ruth, Jr. of Beaumont, Charles K. Ruth of Lufkin, and Ralph Ruth of Houston; two brothers, Tom Bellamy of Zavalla and Hillardy Bellamy of Houston; five sisters, Mrs. Fannie Rhodes of Zavalla, Mrs. Minnie Dillon of Houston, Mrs. T. J. Jacks of Houston, Mrs. J. H. Magouyrk of Billings, Montana, and Mrs. Tessie Bentley of Beaumont; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Oakley-Metcalf was to be in charge of arrangements.

Funeral Rites Set Tomorrow *Nov. 14, 1958* For B. Buford

Funeral services for Bloomer F. Buford, 58, of Route 2, Huntington, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday in the United Pentecostal Church in Zavalla with Bro. J. T. Gillis and Bro. L. E. Bass officiating. Interment will be in the Manning Cemetery.

Mr. Buford died suddenly Wednesday night in a Lufkin hospital. He was born in Houston County on September 23, 1900, and had lived in Angelina County for the past 47 years.

He was engaged in farming at the time of his death and was a member of the United Pentecostal Church of Zavalla.

The body will lie in state in the family residence on Route 2, Huntington, at Shawnee Prairie.

Survivors include one son, Harold Marwood Buford of Lufkin; one daughter, Mrs. Tommy Cassels of Zavalla; five sisters, Mrs. M. E. Burrous and Mrs. Ola Murray, both of Lufkin, Mrs. E. E. Kennedy of Huntington, Mrs. Robert Hobleman of Pacoima, Calif., and Mrs. Carl Beatty of Hearne; also a number of nieces and nephews.

Gipson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Carter *Nov. 16, 1958* Services Are Slated Today

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada B. Carter, 68, widow of the late Mr. I. H. Carter, were to be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the United Pentecostal Church of Zavalla with Rev. J. T. Gillis and Rev. L. E. Bass officiating, with interment in the Zavalla cemetery.

Mrs. Carter died suddenly at her residence in Zavalla early Sunday morning.

She was born November 30, 1889 in Vinton, Louisiana, and had been a resident of Zavalla for the past 25 years. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church.

Mrs. Carter is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Christine Morgan and Mrs. Gladys Berry, both of Houston, Mrs. E. W. Cameron of Nederland, Mrs. A. M. James of Port Neches; three sons, Richard Hoffman of Beaumont, W. L. Hoffman of Nederland, Lester Hoffman of Houston; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Thaxton of Floriene, Louisiana, Mrs. Bert Neal of Houston; two brothers, Sam Doiron of Vidor, Luke Doiron of East St. Louis, Illinois; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Oakley-Metcalf was in charge of arrangements.

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