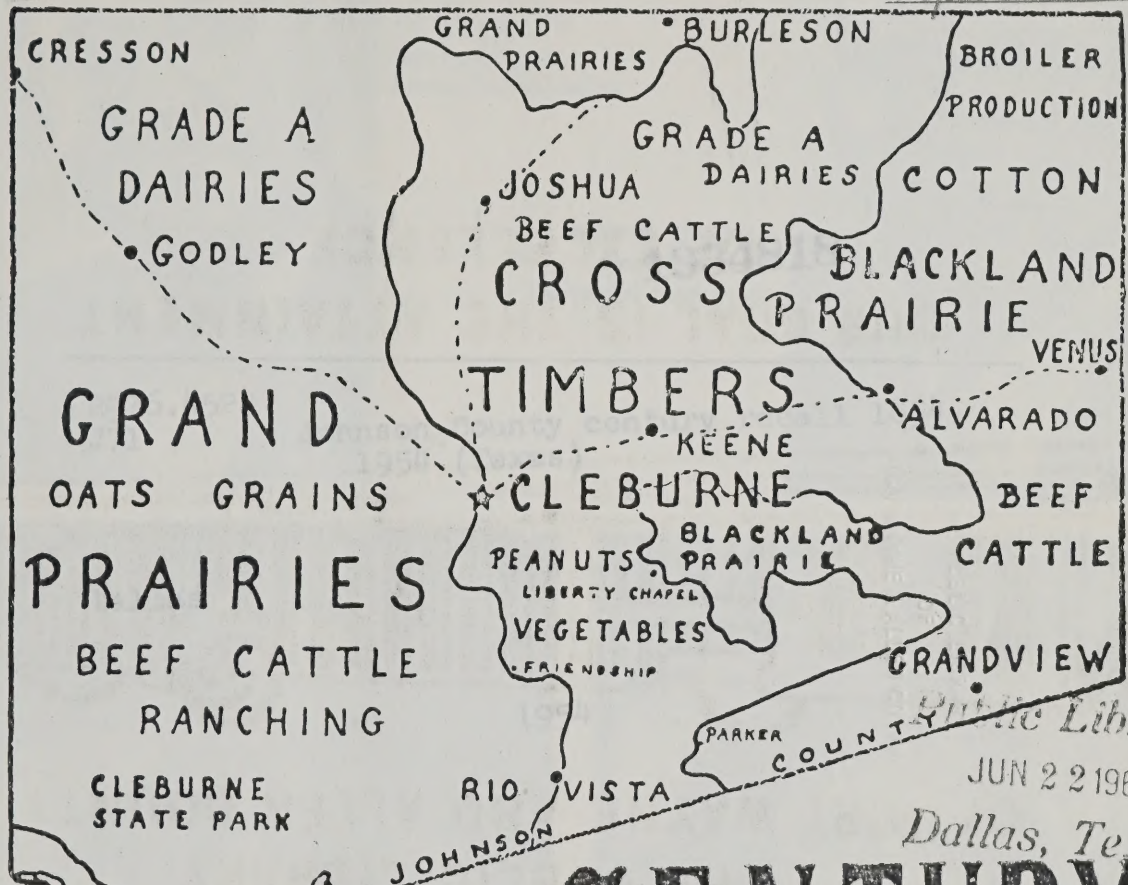


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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

- 7:30 p.m. Community Square Dance, at Skating Slab, City Park. Room for 50 squares. Fun and enjoyment for dancers and spectators.
- 9:30 p.m. TV presentation of Johnson County Centennial Queen on Bewley's Barn Dance, WBAP TV Channel 5, Fort Worth.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

"Cleburne Day"

- 9:00 a.m. Centennial Headquarters open
Opening of "Celebration Midway" for your amusement and fun; all morning and afternoon around Courthouse Square.
- 7:30 p.m. Beginning of evening "Cleburne Centennial Celebration" party.
Old Fiddlers Contest
Minstrel Show
Folk Songs
Old time Medicine Show
Barbershop Quartet
Comedy Acts
Singing Acts
Prizes for the square of oldest dancers, the oldest Johnson County school teacher, oldest native born citizen attending and for the person coming the farthest distance.
- 9:00 p.m. Western Swing Dance at Junior High Gym.
- 9:00 p.m. WFAA Staff Orchestra dance at High School Gym and Crowning of the Centennial Queen.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

"Religious and Patriotic Day"

- 3:15 p.m. Song Festival of Religious Hymns — Yellow Jacket Stadium, Cleburne.
Speaker, Allan Shivers, Governor of the State of Texas.

MONDAY, MAY 3

Santa Fe, Pioneer and Homecoming Day

- 9:00 a.m. Centennial Headquarters open
Opening of historical and antique displays in stores and store windows.
- 10:00 a.m. Arrival of the CYRUS K. HOLLIDAY, the first train of the Santa Fe Railway System at Santa Fe Passenger depot.
- 5:00 p.m. Gigantic Parade — downtown Cleburne. Beautiful and spectacular floats and antique buggies, covered wagons, "Surrey with the Fringe on Top," Cowgirls, Cowboys, 1900 vintage automobiles, bicycles and tricycles all competing for a basketful of prizes—each in its own class.
- 7:45 p.m. Crowning of the Queen of the Johnson County Centennial by J. P. Cowley, vice-president and general manager of G.C. and S.F..
- 8:00 p.m. Premier showing of the SPECTACULAR HISTORICAL "JOHNSON COUNTY RECALL" pageant.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Industrial Day

- 9:00 a.m. Centennial Headquarters open
Viewing of Merchants historical window displays.
Tours of various industries which will be open for inspection all day.
Opening of various industrial displays on exhibit at downtown stores all day.
- 7:45 p.m. Judging of the Brothers of the Brush.
- 8:00 p.m. Second showing of the SPECTACULAR HISTORICAL "JOHNSON COUNTY CENTURY RECALL" pageant.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

"Utilities Day"

- 9:00 a.m. Centennial Headquarters open
Opening and showing of historical and antique displays at downtown stores.
Opening of UTILITIES exhibits. On the Courthouse lawn and basement. A day long exhibit of the gas, light and water utilities of our county. An interesting exhibit of the dial telephone system will be set up in the Courthouse basement and there will be working exhibits of all utilities and a modern electrical sub-station. Exhibit of lighting through a century. One of the most unusual exhibits will be an OOMPH meter — an accurate measure of OOMPH.
- 10:00 a.m. Style Revue—Esquire Theatre—Sisters of the Swish.
An interesting revue of authentic costumes of years gone by.
Arrival of first bus of school children from the surrounding town and county schools.
- 7:45 p.m. Pre-pageant activities.
- 8:00 p.m. Third showing of SPECTACULAR "JOHNSON COUNTY CENTURY RECALL" Pageant — Yellow Jacket Stadium.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Military Maneuvers Day

- 9:00 a.m. Centennial Headquarters open
Viewing of historical and antique displays in stores.
Opening of military exhibits on display all day on Courthouse square. All phases of military equipment and newest weapons, etc. will be displayed and explained.
- 10:00 a.m. Style Revue by Sisters of the Swish at Esquire theatre.
- 7:45 p.m. Presentation of prizes to Sisters of Swish.
- 7:45 p.m. Pre-pageant activities—Yellow Jacket Stadium.
Commander General of the National Guard of Texas (General Albert Sidney Johnson).
- 8:00 p.m. Fourth showing of SPECTACULAR "JOHNSON COUNTY CENTURY RE-

CALL" Pageant — Yellow Jacket Stadium.

**FRIDAY, MAY 7
Agriculture Day**

9:00 a.m. Centennial Headquarters open
Viewing of historical and antique displays in store windows.
Opening of agriculture exhibits.
9:30 a.m. Opening of Home Demonstration Club exhibits, 13 E. Henderson
7:45 p.m. Pre-pageant activities
8:00 p.m. Fifth showing of SPECTACULAR "JOHNSON COUNTY CENTURY RECALL" Pageant — Yellow Jacket Stadium.

**SATURDAY, MAY 8
Youth Day**

9:00 a.m. Centennial Headquarters open
Viewing of Merchants Historical Window Display.
Opening of Youth Day exhibits of Future Home Makers, Future Farmers, and Youth Clubs.
3:00 p.m. Youth Parade — entitled PAGEANT

OF PROGRESS OF TEXAS SCHC depicting the progress of education in Johnson County from 1854 to 1954 in connection with Texas Education week.

7:15 p.m. Pre-pageant activities.
Band Concert — High School Bands.
Choral Groups — representing entire county.

8:00 p.m. Final showing of the SPECTACULAR HISTORICAL "JOHNSON COUNTY RECALL" Pageant.

TOWN AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Godley-Cresson	Saturday, March 27
Burleson	Monday, March 29
Joshua	Saturday, April 3
Alvarado	Saturday, April 10
Rio Vista	Saturday, April 17
Venus	Tuesday, April 20
Liberty Chapel	Friday, April 23
Grandview	Saturday, April 24
Keene	Thursday, April 29
Cleburne	Saturday, May 1

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Wednesday, May 5, 1954

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'Winter Garden of The World' Became Flourishing Settlement

By CLYDE HEAD

"Why, it's the winter garden of the world," Henry Briden said to his bride, as the young couple topped the last limestone mountain and gazed into the Nolan River valley, near the present site of Rio Vista.

Briden, a Texan Ranger, had no way of knowing that history was in the making, as he and his bride stood there in the beautiful virgin wilderness. Neither did he know that his name would go down in history as the first settler to build a home in a land which would five years later become known as Johnson County, Texas.

Briden decided to quit the Ranger force, after his bride inherited a large tract of land left by her uncle, Charles Seavier. The acreage was part of a large tract located on both sides of the Nolan River, obtained through a Spanish land grant.

Briden and his wife wasted no time in constructing their log cabin home, selecting a location on the bank of Nolan River at Dripping Springs. These springs are active today, just as they were 100

years ago when they provided an abundance of water for Johnson County's first family.

Early Settlers

While Briden and his wife went about the work of making a new

home in the wilderness, another group of men explored the possibilities of starting a settlement in the eastern part of Johnson County 15 miles from the Briden settlement. These men were William Balch, his sons Evan R., William, James, John, Robert and a grandson Joseph McClure.

After making a survey of the area, these men staked out their claims to land near the present site of Alvarado. However, these men didn't remain on their claims. They had arrived in the dead of winter, Christmas week, 1849. One and a half years later, this group returned to their staked-out claims and constructed homes, cleared land and began farming the fertile acres. They were pleased to find two settlements already made in the area, one started by Samuel Myers, three miles north of the present site of Alvarado and another started by the Billingsle family, southeast of the present town of Alvarado.

Colony Grows

Other families quickly followed these first Johnson County pioneers, staking out claims and building log cabin homes from virgin timber found in abundance in a sec-



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tion of the county known as the Cross Timbers. F. L. Kirtley, J. J. Mills, Sam Kirkham and G. W. Meadows were among the first settlers to place their faith in a new land, first called the Winter Garden of the World and later to become famous as the Jersey Isle of Texas.

Life was no bed of roses for these pioneers. Indians were still very much in evidence when Samuel Myers and the others began to hue out the future of Johnson County. For the most part, these Indians, the Comanches and Caddoes, were friendly and took great delight in visiting with the early settlers. However, most of these visits took place over rail fences, rather than inside the settler's homes.

Settler Wounded

Sam Kirkham was severely wounded by a band of Comanches, when he caught them attempting to steal horses. However, for the most part, Indian violence after the first settlers arrived, was confined to tales told around the fireside after the day's work was done.

Bud Head, another early settler gives an account of how he used to stop and chat with Indians

crouched in the fork of a tree, bow and arrow ready to bring down deer, which came to water at a spring at Buffalo Creek and a crossing now known as East Chambers Street in Cleburne.

The spring which is still functioning, later became known as Davis Spring, because the land surrounding the location was owned by the father of Tom Davis, current president of the Cleburne Chamber of Commerce.

Four years before Briden built his home at Dripping Springs, two other trail blazers, Charles and George Barnard, had established a trading post near Comanche Peak on the west bank of the Brazos River. Later, the trading post was moved to the eastern bank of the river and the settlement thus started, became known as Fort Spunky.

County Created

The Barnard Brothers would have become the first settlers in Johnson County except for an act of the Texas legislature, which severed the Comanche Peak area from the original plat and made it a part of Hood County.

Johnson County was created by an act of the 5th Texas legislature, in 1854, and named in honor of

Col. M. T. Johnson, famous Confederate veteran.

One of the first problems facing the 700 souls who made up the population of the newly-formed county, was that of locating a county seat. The land seemed so vast and distances so far, residents of each settlement wanted the county seat located near their own settlement. For this reason, Johnson County in its 100 years of history has had five courthouses, located at three county seat sites, including Wardville, Buchanan and Cleburne.

The first county seat, Wardville, was located on the Nolan River five miles west of Cleburne, near the site of the present Nolan River Country Club. A settler named Ward donated the land, hence the name Wardville.

First Official Meeting

The first official meeting was held at the courthouse at Wardville one year after the county was organized. This was Aug. 16, 1855 and there was plenty of room in the primitive, one-room building, designated as Johnson County's first courthouse.

Almost another year after this first meeting, May 21, 1860, a

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committee was formed to draw plans for the first courthouse building constructed from tax revenue. This committee was composed of C. F. Hollis, W. Douglas and J. H. Torbett. Then on Oct. 4, 1856, the county seat was re-located at Buchanan and another committee was named to draw up plans for a courthouse to be constructed at the new county seat. This committee was composed of R. M. Landry, J. W. Berry and J. M. Roberson.

The second county seat was located five miles northwest of Cleburne and named in honor of President James Buchanan.

Finally, the early residents decided to re-locate the central county government at Camp Henderson, later to become known as Cleburne. This was Mar. 23, 1867 and

the following April, members of the commissioners court appointed still another committee to draw up plans and receive bids for the construction of a courthouse in Cleburne. The committee included J. W. Brown, W. H. Griffin, G. H. Massey.

\$10,033 Courthouse

Joseph W. Anderson was awarded the contract to build a brick structure at a cost of \$10,033. This was on April 6, 1869. Members of the commissioners court received the building Oct. 26, 1870.

By the time this fine brick structure was completed, the county was growing rapidly. Soon the building became inadequate and the court ordered the structure torn down and replaced by a new and larger building. Lee Slaughter, a Waco

contractor, was low bidder. The fourth courthouse building was accepted from the contractor Oct. 6, 1882. It was constructed at a cost of \$38,485.

On April 15, 1912, this fine structure was destroyed by fire and many valuable documents burned with the building. After this disastrous fire, members of the commissioners court and other county officials held meetings in a building owned by G. A. McClung and Fred D. Dickson. This building served as a meeting place until the fifth and present courthouse building was completed, Nov. 28, 1913. This building was constructed at a cost of \$184,000. All indebtedness against the structure was paid off several years ago, giving Johnson County the distinction of being one of only

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a few Texas counties that own courthouse buildings free of all debt.

First Election

The first election of county officers was held Aug. 7, 1854, with approximately 120 votes cast. David Mitchell was elected first chief justice, Jeremiah Easterwood, county clerk, John Roberson, treasurer; W. H. Onstatt, sheriff; F. L. Kirtley, tax assessor and collector; A. D. Kennard, Christopher Billingsley, Cain Wise, William O'Neal, county commissioners.

An election was held Jan. 18, 1865 for the purpose of selecting a site for the county seat. There was no majority vote and a second election was called for August 16, with still no majority decision. Two other elections were held to de-

side the problem, one on Sept. 8, 1866, with no majority and another Mar. 29, 1867, which finally located the county seat at its present site, Cleburne.

Once the county seat was permanently settled, the county seemed to take on new life and its growth and development was rapid.

Drouths during those early years were the only drawback to progress. However these dry years failed to change the economic picture in proportion to the present-day drouths. Only a small portion of the county had been turned into cultivation and pasturelands were not overgrazed as they are today.

Oldtimers tell of lush vegetation, with prairie grasses, "growing higher than a horses belly." There was also an abundance of wild

game, such as quail, deer, rabbits, prairie chickens and wild turkeys.

First School Built

Samuel Myers is credited with building the first school building in the county. Jackson Bradley and Abraham Futhey helped Myers construct the crude building, which was located on the Myers 3,000-acre farm three miles north of Alvarado. William Wise was the first teacher.

Soon after completing the school building, Myers decided to build a mansion for his family. He hired Benjamin Ford, an expert wood worker, to hue out the timbers for the fine structure. Except for slight remodeling and repair, this structure stands today, a landmark to the pioneer who played such an

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important role in the early history of Johnson County. The home was completed in 1870.

Myers could also be classed as one of the first merchants and money lenders in the county. He sold the settlers corn, oats and other food stuffs, grown on his 3,000-acre farm. Many of them could not pay for the needed supplies and Myers would credit them until fall. He never took a note for debt.

Gold Legal Tender

"If your word is not good, neither is your note," Myers would say, when somebody offered to make him a note for the supplies. In the fall of the year, when these first settlers gathered and sold their crops, Myers would go around the community, collecting for the supplies.

Gold was the legal tender back there in 1854. Myers received his pay in gold and used shot sacks for money bags. When one of these sacks was filled with the shiny, yellow money, Myers would tie a string around the top and pitch it over in a corner of his bedroom. It was not unusual for his family to find several of these gold-filled containers scattered around the house. Nobody failed to pay Myers and nobody, so far as the records go, ever attempted to burglarize his home.

Land was cheap about the time Myers and others settled on the East Prairie of Johnson County. Land certificates could be bought at the rate of 50 cents per acre. Today, the rich prairieland sells for \$100 to \$200 per acre.

Lots and blocks in Johnson County's first town, Alvarado, were equally cheap. The town was laid out in one-half-acre lots, which sold for \$10 per acre.

Alvarado Firsts

Being the first town, Alvarado scored several other firsts in the county. The first white child, John Balch, son of Evens Balch, was born on a farm three miles north of the present site of Alvarado. William Balch, father of Evens, was known as the father of Alvarado, where the first church was constructed by Presbyterians in 1853. Dr. James Conger, also an early resident of Alvarado, was the first physician to practice medicine in Johnson County.

Johnson County's first town got its name from the famous Mexican

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soldier and statesman, General Alvarado, a personal friend of an early-day county sheriff, A. H. Onstott.

It was in Alvarado that the first court trial was held. The court met under the shade of a huge liveoak tree to decide what disposition should be made of a woman who had gone insane. The decision of the court was to designate various families in the community as guardians of the woman, each settler taking his turn as guardian and jailer.

Father of Cleburne

A Kentucky volunteer in the Texas Revolution, Col. B. J. Chambers, is known as the father of Cleburne. The Kentuckian left his native state and came to Texas to help the early pioneers wrest their freedom from Mexico. However, he arrived just after the decisive battle of San Jacinto, too late to participate in the revolution.

Col. Chambers laid down his musket and picked up his surveying instruments. He liked the new land of Texas and planned to make his permanent home in Johnson County. Eight years after he reported for military duty, Col. Chambers

took up permanent residence in Cleburne. This was in 1855 and except for a few years spent out of the state after the death of his wife, Col Chambers remained here until his death.

At one time, this father of Cleburne, was the largest landowner in Johnson County, owning more than 4,000 acres in the southern section, with the northern boundary line along what is now known as Chambers Street. Col. W. F. Henderson, famed Confederate soldier and good friend of Col. Chambers owned most of the land lying north of what is now known as Henderson Street.

Offered School Land

Acting as agent for Col. Henderson, Col. Chambers offered 100 acres of land to the city as school lands. Sixty acres of this tract was donated by Col. Henderson and Col. Chambers donated the remaining 40 acres.

Today the high school and junior high school plants are constructed on a part of this original 100-acre gift to the public school system. The main building of the high school plant is named in honor of Col Chambers. It is called the

Chambers Building.

Col. Chambers also receives the distinction of owning the first windmill in Johnson County. It was located on a tract of land now a part of southwest Cleburne. After the windmill was erected, the Chambers farm became known as the windmill farm and settlers for miles around visited the farm just to see how the windmill worked.

Cleburne owes its origin and rapid growth to two things, fine springs in East and West Buffalo Creeks, affording an abundance of water and Camp Henderson, with its soldiers, providing protection for the women and children left behind during the War Between the States. Old Camp Henderson was located two blocks north of the present Johnson County courthouse, where the First Baptist Church now stands.

When the county seat was moved from Buchanan in 1867, it assured still more growth and progress for the little settlement. M. B. (Bud) Head, father of M. R. Head, veteran Cleburne merchant, helped move the courthouse building from Buchanan to Camp Henderson. This old building was used until the

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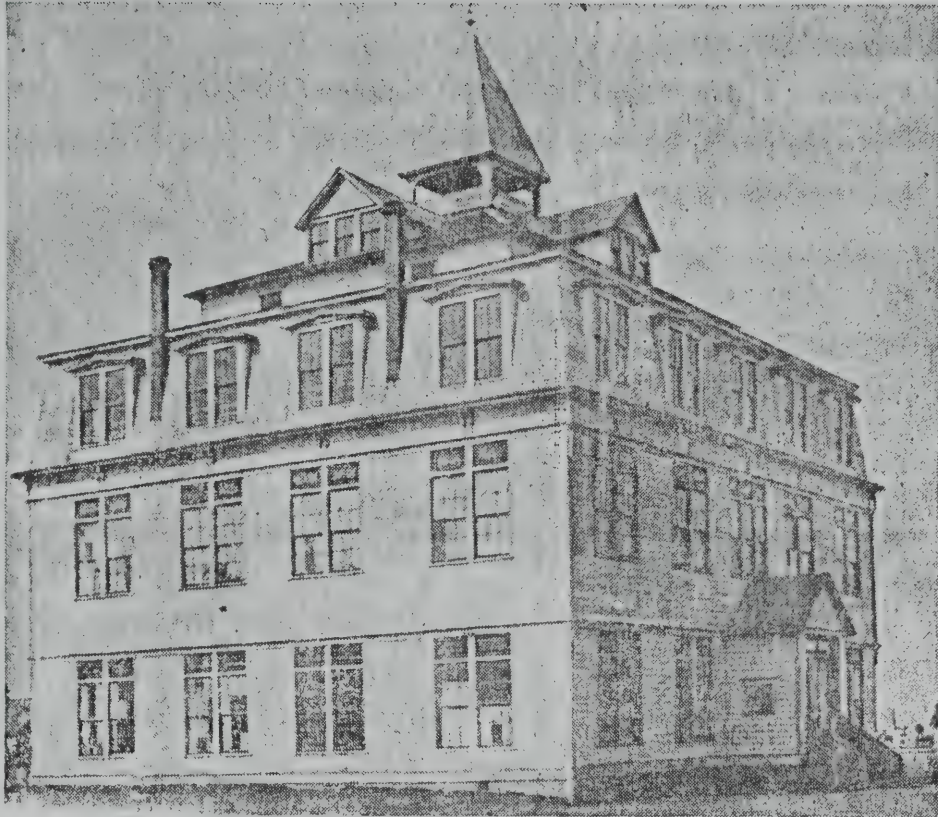
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county commissioners voted to build another and more adequate building to house the county government. Head, along with several other Confederate veterans, had returned home, crippled and maimed, as a result of the terrible struggle.

City of Roses

Cleburne was first known as the City of Roses, because of the fine fields cultivated by the early settlers. The town was named Cleburne in honor of General Pat Cleburne, one of the greatest of Confederate heroes, killed in battle at Franklin,

Tenn. Nov. 20, 1864.

Early settlers were lavish in their praise of just about all sections of Johnson County. The hamlet of, Marystown, located in the cross-timbers, two miles east of Joshua, was described as the "Paragon of Loveliness." It was first named

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Marysville, but the name was changed after the settlers heard of another settlement with the same name. Thomas Hollingsworth is credited with naming the community in honor of his wife.

Grandview was named by a cowboy driving a trail herd through this section. Legend has it that this cowboy topped a hill near the present city of Grandview and made this remark, "My, what a grand view." The name stuck with the budding community, first written Grand View and later combined and written Grandview. Grandview was founded in 1860, four years after the first county community. However, there was a general merchandise store in the Grandview area several years before the town was established.

The store was owned by J. P. Scurlock, a Confederate sympathizer captured by federal soldiers when he attempted to deliver a herd of beef cattle to a Confederate Camp located in Louisiana. He died in a federal prison.

First Mill in County

Grandview is credited with having the first mill in the county, put into operation in 1880. It wasn't easy back in those days to keep a business in operation. This was not due, as some might be led to believe, to lack of customers. There were no railroads leading into Johnson County. Most of the supplies were shipped overland in ox wagons and carts. Roads were nothing more than trails through the virgin forests and prairielands.

Strangely enough, Cleburne, the county seat, is one of the youngest towns or settlements in the county. The first store in Cleburne was a one-room log cabin, perched on the west bank of Buffalo Creek near Henderson Street. The first autos were driven down the streets of Cleburne during the later part of 1906 and early 1907. Dr. J. D. Rucker and W. P. Smith who owned and operated a livery stable at Godley, are believed to be the first automobile owners in the county.

Early-Day Autos

Back in those early days of automobiles, farmers always got out of their vehicles and held their horses by the bits when they saw an auto a-comin' down the road a-piece. Smith, who owned the 22nd car registered in the county, was the father of Oran Smith, now Cle-

burne's chief of police. Smith later operated a garage in Cleburne. According to his son, the chief of police, rear axles caused early-day motorists more trouble than any other mechanical defects.

The Cleburne House was the county seat's first hotel. This was a double log cabin where weary pioneers could stop and spend a night or two before moving on to new horizons.

In November of 1877, the first business meeting was held to see what could be done about obtaining a railroad line between Cleburne and Dallas. Col. B. J. Chambers, Major E. M. Heath, Dr. S. B. Allen, Dr. T. D. Lorance and William Poindexter were appointed to select a committee of 15, which would meet with a similar committee from Dallas to see what could be done toward obtaining a narrow gauge railroad line between the two cities.

Fund-Raising

The two committees decided to try and raise \$50,000 through subscription to finance the project, \$25,000 in each city. This effort failed. However, a second effort, with a bid to bring the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad from Fort Worth to Cleburne was a success, with residents of Cleburne donating \$100,000 for the road, including right-of-way, depot grounds and 100 acres of land for the Santa Fe Shops. This project was put through in 1881 and included a railroad line from Fort Worth through Cleburne and Rio Vista to Temple. This road today is known as Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe.

Other railroad lines quickly followed this initial step. These roads included the Chicago, Mexican & Texas Central and the MK&T or Katy. A few years later, the Trinity & Brazos Valley brought a road through the county. The electric railway express, known as the interurban express, further linked Cleburne with Dallas and Fort Worth, via steel rails. About the time the interurban came to Johnson County, a private company constructed street car lines, which served the city for many years, until autos and better streets made them impractical.

The Bell's Toll

In 1882 the courthouse bell is said to have annoyed youngsters of the county seat, who did not wish their parents to know just how late they had stayed out. The bell tolled the hours with such

clarity that most parents awakened and caught their offspring in the act of slipping into the house during the wee hours. It was a little different story for the volunteer firemen. When a fire broke at one of those old pioneer homes the alarm was given by firing pistols. This was unsatisfactory, however. The firing of arms was carried a little too far, everybody wanted to get into the act and guns were fired in all sections of the city. This confused the volunteers and sometimes they took off in the wrong direction.

A central fire alarm was installed downtown, but this also proved unsatisfactory. It worked alright until one day, when a stiff norther was blowing, the alarm was not loud enough to compete with the wind. All volunteers in the northern section of the city failed to hear the alarm and the fire was out of hand before they could be summoned.

Outstanding Citizens

Cleburne produced several outstanding citizens of the world, including two governors of the state of Texas, S. W. T. Lanham and James Stephen Hogg. William T. Ramsey, noted barrister, was the only man in Texas to occupy the bench on both the Court of Criminal Appeals and the State Supreme Court. M. M. Crane became attorney general and S. Palmer Brooks became president of Baylor University, of Waco.

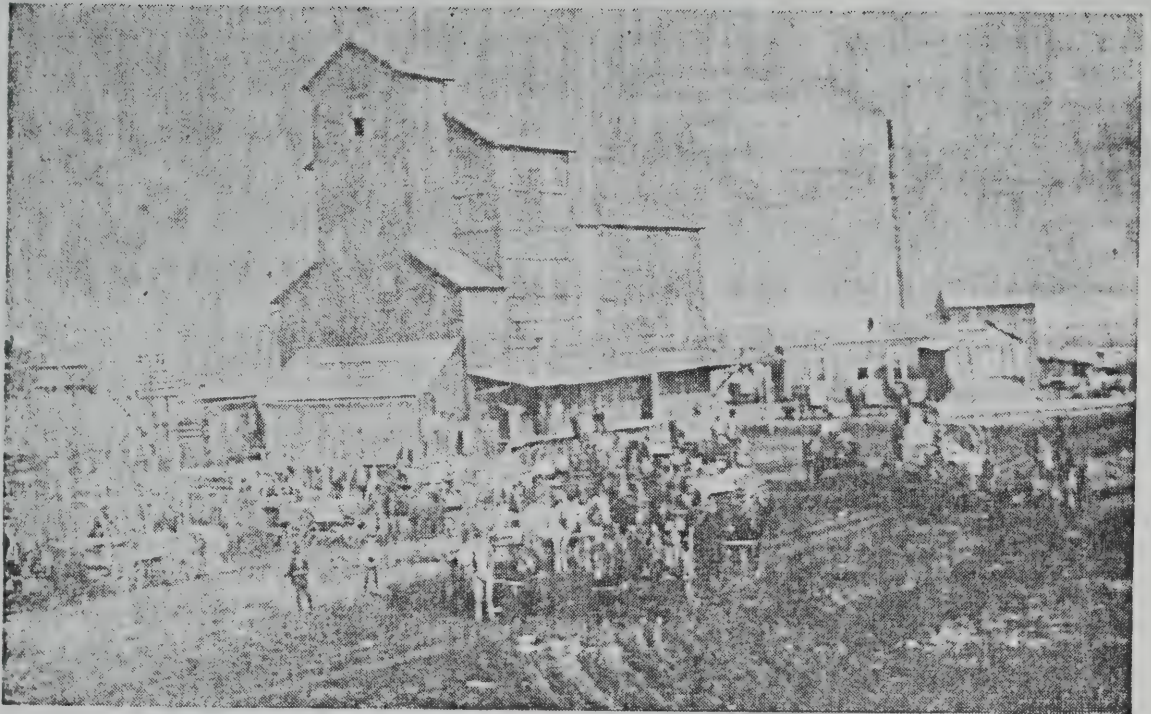
Lt. Commander, Charles Rosendahl, made world-wide dirigible history and Gen. Tracy Dickson was the son of a pioneer Cleburne furniture merchant, Campbell Dickson. Col. B. J. Chambers, the father of Cleburne, ran for vice-president of the United States on the Greenback ticket.

Tris Speaker, one of America's immortal baseball greats, played his first game of professional baseball as a member of the Cleburne baseball team, then a part of the Texas League.

Walter Owen Henry, of the U. S. S. Fannin, sunk the first submarine during World War I and helped in the development of the depth bomb. Dr. Wade H. Brown became a director in the Rockefeller Institute of Medicine and W. B. Head was head of Texas Power & Light Co. Marcus Davis became general manager of Northern Pacific Railroad and T. V. Taylor, who as a boy carried water for Cleburne merchants at a nickel a bucket

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Grandview's flour mill was built about 1890. The mill burned in 1913. The first mill, probably At the time this picture was made around 1906, a grist mill, in Johnson County was built in the mill was owned by R. L. and Charlie Ingle. Grandview.

became dean of the University of Texas.

The present city of Joshua was created when the Santa Fe railroad constructed its lines from Fort Worth to Cleburne. First residents of Joshua were persons who had lived in a small settlement three miles east of the site. This settlement is extinct today. It was known as Caddo Mound.

Other Towns

The little towns of Godley, Venus, Lillian, Bono, Parker Sand Flat and Burleson took on rapid growth with the development of the county. However, some of these thriving population centers suffered reverses, when King Cotton was de-throned.

Johnson County owes its later years of progress to the Jersey

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It was a day for dressing up and even bringing visitors to school when the photographer was to appear. Such was the case in 1905 when this school picture was made in Rio Vista.

Teachers for the school were Elbert Smith, shown to the right standing, and Jay Jackson, standing on the extreme left. The latter is the father of Judge Penn J. Jackson, B. J. Jackson

and Mrs. Nona Bell Bruner, all of Cleburne.

Among the students shown are the following, who are Johnson County residents today: Clarence Pendley, Mrs. B. H. Williamson, J. C. Ball, Mrs. Frank Brochette, Mrs. Oscar Neal, Paul Colquitt, Lowell Smith, Clarence Cooper, Mrs. Frank Lacewell, Mrs. O. T. Smyth Sr., Mrs. Ethel Lacewell, Mrs. Captola Sain Smith.

towns.

Program, a unique civic project spearheaded by the Cleburne Rotary Club and sponsored by businessmen in the area, is credited with starting more than 200 re-

gistered Jersey herds in the county. The program is simply this, a businessman buys a registered Jersey heifer and turns it over to some deserving Johnson County boy or girl. This boy or girl in turn, re-

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This wedding picture of Judge William Poindexter and Mary Chambers was made in Cleburne. The bride was the daughter of Col. B. J. Chambers, who is known as the "Father of Cleburne." The wedding was in 1879.

Hartlet Poindexter Denton, a child of this union, died in 1952. Curtis Poindexter, a Cleburne resident, is the son of William Poindexter and Lisa Coggin Poindexter, his second wife.

It was this bride's father who left his native state of Kentucky to come to Texas to help the early pioneers wrest their freedom from Mexico. In 1855, Col. Chambers made Cleburne his permanent home. He was the county's largest landowner at one time. Col. Chambers, along with Col. W. F. Henderson, gave 100 acres to the public school system.

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Devastating Fire Swept Rio Vista In 1914 ... 14 Buildings Destroyed

One of the most devastating fires that occurred in Johnson County during the past century was that which swept Rio Vista in August, 1914.

Quoting from the Cleburne Enterprise of that date: "Today, waterworks totally destroyed, almost all of the business houses in ashes, many residents crippled financially, some practically ruined, Rio Vista is sweltering under a hot summer sun. Stunned by their sudden loss the plucky citizens are taking account of their condition and preparing to raise from the ashes of their ruins a greater Rio Vista."

Twenty-four buildings were destroyed. A few were vacant but the most were occupied by various business concerns. The only business houses remaining are the Rio Vista Bank, Sam Cooper Grocery Store, Chapman Bros., Livery Stable and Herman Nanny's blacksmith shop.

The fire originated in a barber shop owned by Z. T. Higginbotham. The exact cause is unknown but a faulty coal oil lamp is suspected. The shop was on the south side of the street running from the Santa Fe station.

The conflagration started about 1:30 a.m. Although the town had a water works capable of provid-

ing for normal demands there was no pressure for fire fighting purposes and the only means of fighting the fire was by buckets. It was not long before the waterworks was a total loss and the bucket brigade had to suspend work and watch the flames consume the town store by store.

Again quoting from The Enterprise: "The telephone office is still doing business but with only one line and that to Cleburne. Frank Barton, the postmaster, has moved the post office next door to the telephone exchange. The post office was a total loss except for a few stamps and some books. The loss was as follows as best could be estimated: Coffman and Lacewell Drug Store, operated by Charlie Coffman and Frank Lacewell, in the first story of a two-story brick building. The lower story of the building was owned by Dr. L. A. Colquitt and R. C. Lott, and the upper story owned and occupied by the Rio Vista Masonic Lodge ... Next was restaurant operated by Nicholas Palmese, who saved only a trunk ... T. J. Childress and Hugh Menefee Barber Shop, Ball (Ed) and Hart (Wood) Grocery, Cooper Bros. Hardware, Implements and Buggies, A. N. Sandusky, dry goods and Jim Gatewood, grocery.

occupying the lower story of a two-story frame building of which The W.O.W. occupied the upper story. Mr. Gatewood (father of Sam Gatewood) saved only a handful of buggy whips.

"Dr. L. A. Colquitt, Dr. J. M. Meason and Dr. T. J. Hubbert, practicing physicians, all sustained losses of their offices and equipment. Dr. Hubbert also lost a drug store he was operating. W. H. Highnote (father of David) lost his blacksmith shop and its building. He was offered \$1800.00 for his business a few days before. He refused and suffered total loss with no insurance ... Also destroyed was a two story frame building owned by Frank Barton in which Mr. Barton had a dry goods business and Mrs. Barton ran a millinery store upstairs. The large lumber yard owned and operated by J. A. Allen was totally destroyed; also the office of the Rio Vista Reporter, published by R. R. Murphy. Mrs. C. F. Baker, Mrs. Sebe White and J. T. Goosby owned several unoccupied buildings. The Enterprising man talked to several of those who suffered loss and they are determined to pin their faith to Rio Vista ... and build a bigger and better town where the many ashes today are smouldering the ruins of their fortunes."

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Grandview Survives Disastrous Fire To Develop Into a Leading Community



The Reverend James Campbell Gambill Russell Patton, left, shown here with his wife and unidentified man, was named for four preachers. Born in Georgia in 1830, he moved to Linden, Cass County, Texas, and then to Alvarado in 1870 in a covered wagon. He taught school in Alvarado, moving in 1872 to Grandview, where he taught school in the Methodist Church.

Patton was a circuit riding Methodist preacher, preaching in Grandview, Auburn, Barnesville, Price's Chapel and Watts Chapel.

Living until 1912, the Rev. Patton held a record at the time of his death of having performed more marriage ceremonies than any other preacher in this county. It is said that none of these marriages ended in divorce.

Grandview, in spite of a disastrous fire, March 14, 1920, has developed into one of the leading towns in Johnson County.

Located on the extreme southeast portion of the county, Grandview is surrounded by rich blacklands, which have played a vital part in the development of the eastern section of the county. The town was founded in 1854, just one mile north of its present site. It obtained its name, just as anybody might guess. A pioneer paused on a hill, and looking out across the fine prairie land, said, "Isn't that a grand view." The expression stuck, to become the name of the thriving little community.

A post office was established in this community April 29, 1856, and was given the name Grand View. September 15, 1925 the name was changed to Grandview. During this 98 year period twenty postmasters have served the community. At the present time four rural routes emanate from this post office.

Today, Grandview is in better financial condition than most Texas towns, large or small. Its water and sewer system is second to none and paid for. The main street is paved with brick and has been since the early '20's, a sight seldom seen except in large cities.

U. S. Highway 81, from Winnipeg, Canada to Laredo, Texas, crosses the town from North to South, while Farm to Market Roads connect Grandview with Cleburne to the West, and Maypearl, Waxahachie, Ennis and points east. Cafes, service stations and other businesses, as well as beautiful residences have been

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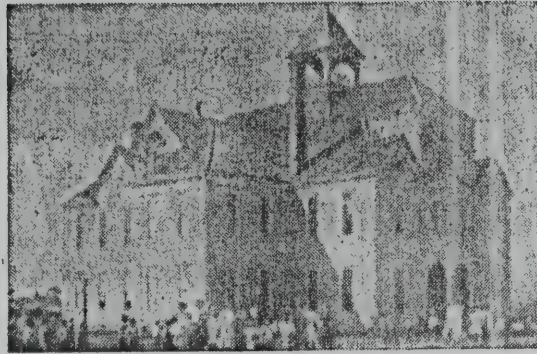
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Built in 1899, this school building was known as Grandview Collegiate Institute. The school was organized in 1897 by Professor W. Burrus Head, who later became vice-president of the Texas Power and Light Co.

This school was chartered as Grandview High School in 1907.

constructed along the routes of the highways crossing the town.

The main line of the MK&T Railroad, constructed in 1882, was the cause of the relocation of Grandview. All business houses, including several brick buildings even in that early day, moved to the railroad, from the location re-

ferred to by present Grandview residents as "Old Town." Only the cemetery remained in the original location. This cemetery is one of the best kept and most beautiful cemeteries in this section of Texas.

The last government census gave Grandview a total of 892 inhabitants, a slight increase over the

census 10 years ago. The town would have been much larger but for the conflagration in March, 1920. The fire destroyed 72 dwellings. A strong south wind fanned the fire which started in the home of W. D. Davis and all but wiped the little town off the map.

Half of the business houses were destroyed, including a row of fine brick structures. The fire started and ended with property owned by Davis. His two-story home in the south part of town was the first building to burn. His grocery store in the downtown area, five blocks north of the fire's origin, was the last building to burn.

Like most towns in Johnson County, Grandview depends upon agriculture for its principal source of income. More cotton is produced in the Grandview area than any other Johnson County section. The area is also noted for the production of fine corn and blooded hogs.

Modern food markets, department stores, dry goods stores, hardware, variety and drug stores provide an adequate shopping center for residents of Grandview and surrounding trade territory. Farm-to-market paved roads provide

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Hundreds of residents of Hill and Johnson counties travel these good roads to Grandview every Fall to attend the Corn and Livestock Show. This annual event was begun in 1939 as a Corn Show. Its observance was suspended during the years of World War II, then resumed. Through the years it has grown into a Community Fair featuring arts, crafts and organization exhibits in addition to the Corn and Livestock show. A community exhibit building has been erected and a permanent organization has been established titled, The Grandview Corn and Livestock Association.

The oldest citizens of Grandview still active in their profession include two doctors. Dr. J. W. Aldridge has been administering to the people of the community for more than 50 years. Dr. A. F. Garner now 88 years old is still practicing medicine in and around

Grandview. He moved from Cleburne to Grandview in 1911 when Mrs. Garner's health failed. Incidentally, she is still enjoying life in the healthful atmosphere of this town. Dr. Garner has practiced medicine for 65 years. He graduated from Missouri Medical School in 1889. His prescription for long life is plenty of work, no stimulants and simple diet. Another old timer is J. W. "Bill" Stuart who has been cutting hair for young and old for nearly 60 years. Some of his customers well over 50 years of age had to be held in the chair by their mothers the first time Bill cut their hair.

Grandview has a mayor-council form of government. The town has an excellent fire department and school system, including a ward school and high school. Three fine brick churches, Methodist, Baptist, and a Church of Christ, serve the white population of Grandview and an equal number of churches serve the large Negro population.

The First National Bank of Grandview was established in 1890, one of the oldest banks in the County. Grandview's Masonic Lodge is the oldest lodge in Johnson County, organized 93 years ago. The charter was granted June 14, 1861.

Grandview is already feeling the growing pains of its second hundred years. Two years ago Dr. Vernon L. Thomas converted the building where he had his office into a modern clinic, equipped with X-ray, laboratory, operating room for minor surgery, and two bedrooms for patients.

An Industrial Foundation was recently organized for the purpose of supporting any project that can be developed or brought into Grandview for community advancement. Already Grandview is larger by over 30 residences than before the fire, with room to expand in every direction. The town is looking forward to a glorious future with a heritage of untold resources left by our forefather.

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Four Roads, Interurban Line Shape Transportation Story

By JACK PROCTOR

The railroad came to Johnson County when the area was less than a dozen years old. The first steel rails to enter the county were laid in 1854 in the extreme eastern section. The International & Great Northern had built its road from Waco to Fort Worth through Johnson County, entering the town of Venus, when the county was less than a year old.

That road is now the Missouri Pacific. This road was only important to the eastern portion of the county and adjoining Ellis county and many attempts to procure other railroads for other sections of the county were made during the next 15 years, but it was 1881 before other railroads finally poked their iron noses into the county.

Cleburne was the county seat by that time and since then, the county seat has been known far and wide as a railroad town. But more specifically, perhaps, Cleburne should have been known as a Santa Fe town, because it was that railroad which first linked the thriving community to the outside world.

A short time before the Santa Fe was built into Cleburne, however, the Chicago Texas & Mexican Central had laid steel from Dallas and one train negotiated the semi-completed track on Christmas Day of 1881, but no further traffic moved over the road until the line was acquired by the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe. Records show the Santa Fe Gulf lines purchased this link with Dallas, in an incomplete stage, June 6, 1882,

The GC&SF, weathering many trials and tribulations, due to weather, finances and other hinderances, mostly financial, had managed to complete trackage from Galveston to Belton and early in 1881 the road was pushed northward from Temple, the ultimate goal being Fort Worth, where it could connect with the more solvent Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe line. On Oct. 1, 1881, the tracks reached Cleburne and freight traffic began to move over the new road by the first of the year 1882.

First Passenger Train

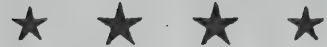
A short time before the GC&SF purchased the branch to Dallas, passenger traffic was underway. The first passenger train entered Cleburne early in 1882 and although other records are vague and incomplete, the arrival of the first passenger train from Galveston headed to its destination in Fort Worth, received a warm and loud welcome from those early-day Cleburnites.

Cleburne's destiny as a railroad town was set that day. Sixteen years later, in 1898, the Santa Fe shops were established here and construction was started on what was later to become one of the largest railroad shops on the entire Santa Fe system. The shops were completed in 1899 and Cleburnites began to find employment in new trades, as railroad machinists, car builders and repairmen. Since that time hundreds of Cleburnites and Johnson Countians have made their living as Santa Fe shopmen.



J. P. (Jack) Wright, shown here, was one of the early Santa Fe railroad employees in Cleburne. He served as the first ticket agent in the original brick depot, located on the site of the present one in Cleburne, and the last ticket agent in the original wooden depot, which was situated on the east side of the tracks. Serving as ticket agent from 1892 till 1899, Wright was later traveling passenger agent in Fort Worth and Dallas. He retired in 1930 after having 50 years service with the railroad. Now dead, Wright was the father of J. S. Wright of Cleburne, who is a Santa Fe diesel foreman, and the grandfather of Dr. James Wright, Cleburne veterinarian.

The Santa Fe shops were the beginning of industry in the county. The shops grew steadily and their facilities were expanded down through the years. The Santa Fe acquired much property in Cleburne and began to take its place in the general economic setup of the area. There is little doubt that Cleburne



These three teen-age girls posed for this picture in 1900. Daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Neal Ferguson of Cleburne, they are natives of Johnson County and have resided in Cleburne all their lives.

Seated on the arm of the chair is Mrs. Anna Johnson; Mrs. Lon Walls is shown sitting in the chair; and Mrs. Tom Pace is standing.

Four of Mrs. Walls' children now live in Cleburne. They include: Mrs. James A. Wright, Mrs. Floyd Steakley, Ted Walls and Gene Walls. One of Mrs. Johnson's sons, Archie, is a Cleburnite.



would have prospered and settled down into its sustained solid existence, had it not been for the Santa Fe shops.

Important Point

Cleburne has always been an important point on the Santa Fe Gulf Lines. It has been a division point on the main line from Chicago to Galveston since the first train puffed into the station here in 1882.

Santa Fe officialdom has always maintained a warm and tender spot in its heart for Cleburne.

To prove that Cleburne was entitled to its cognomen as a "Railroad Town," as many as a dozen trains ran in and out of the town not so long ago. Before the automobile became so prevalent, the Santa Fe operated trains through Cleburne from Galveston and Chi-

cago, plus top service from Cleburne to Dallas and from Cleburne to Weatherford. The M-K & T, or Katy, operated a branch off its main line from Fort Worth to San Antonio. This train left the main line at Egan and headed for Cleburne by way of Lillian and Keene. Its terminus was at Cleburne. The old Katy depot is still here, across the tracks from the Santa

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Fe depot. It houses an oil agency, now. The Texas & Brazos Valley, or Bollweevil, ran from Cleburne to Mexia and Teague, making connections for Galveston and Houston at Mexia.

But the Santa Fe is the only train coming into Cleburne now and what a train it is. Its sleek, streamlined Texas Chief, which went into operation in 1948, whizzes into the station, the same depot which served the Santa Fe back in the 1880s, twice daily, on its 19-hour schedule between Galveston and Chicago. Two other local passenger trains traverse the same line daily and many long freights pull through the yards here each day.

The Katy's mainline still runs through Johnson County, from Fort Worth to San Antonio, via Waco and Austin, but the branch from Egan to Cleburne has long since been abandoned and the right-of-way returned to its original owners.

The Katy maintains stations in Johnson County at Burleson, Alvarado and Grandview.

To compete with the railroads, long before vehicular traffic took over in the area, were the big, swift-moving interurban cars, which hauled thousands of Cleburne passengers to and from Fort Worth in the 1920's. The Northern Texas Traction Co., which also ran its fast interurbans from Dallas to Fort Worth, definitely has its part in the transportation history of the county.

A rapid mode of comfortable travel, the interurban from Cleburne ran through Joshua, Burleson and Everman on its swift run to Fort Worth. But the electric trolley eventually gave way to increasing auto ownership and quit business before the 1930's were substantially started. The old tracks are still to be seen on several Cleburne streets.

Santa Fe Keeps Pace

But the Santa Fe fought to compete with other modes of travel, continually improving its service and providing the last word in equipment. And after all, the his-

tory of the GC&SF is just about as closely linked with that of Cleburne as is possible.

The first appearance of any reference to an interest, in Johnson County, on the part of the Santa Fe, is recorded in the report of

the annual meeting of the stockholders held on October 5, 1880, in which the following excerpt appeared:

A full report from the Engineers has not been made, but enough is known to justify the Directory to



Pictured here is the 1900 graduating class of Grandview High School. Shown on the back row are: Charlie Head; Mr. William Patty; and Walker Ferguson. Misses Bertha Head, Nola Hudgins and Alma Walton are pictured in front from left to right.

The clothing worn is typical of that which was stylish at the beginning of this century in Johnson County.

Today Bertha Head is Mrs. R. E. Cox of Fort Worth and Alma Walton is Mrs. Tom Jones of Kentucky. Nola Hudgins is now Mrs. Looney Murphy of Atlanta, Ga.

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Expansion Started

The second annual report of the General Manager, Mr. John Sealy, dated Sept. 21, 1882, and covering the fiscal year ending July 31, 1882, is spread on the minutes of the called meeting of the board of directors held on Sept. 30, 1882. An extract from that report is quoted here, as follows:

"At the close of the fiscal year ending July 31, 1881, your line of railway was in operation between Galveston and Belton, and also the leased line between Houston and Arcola, in all a distance of 245



Students are shown relaxing near the Godley school, which was the second of four school buildings in the town of Godley. The picture was made about 1905.

In the foreground, from left to right, are: Nora McNally, Hattie Hammill, Stella Stark, Lilly Brock, Ethel Bone, Lilly Keller and Ida McNally.

Three of the group are still residents of Johnson County. They are: Miss Nora McNally and Mrs. Ida (B. E.) O'Neal of Godley; and Mrs. Lilly (A. C.) Fowler of Grandview.

miles. On August 1st we opened for traffic our Fort Worth Branch from Temple its initial point to Valley Mills, 41.2 miles, to Morgan, 69.5 miles on August 30, there connecting with the North Western Division of the Houston & Texas Central Railway, to Cleburne 99.5

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miles on October 21st and to Fort Worth, in Tarrant County, 128 miles on Dec. 20, 1881."

Preliminary location surveys were begun in June, 1880 by Mr. E. F. Banks. The final location was begun on Nov. 19, 1880, and completed Jan. 30, 1881. A maximum grade of 1.25 percent both ways was used.

Grading was begun early in 1881 and completed in October of the same year. Captain R. B. Harris had charge of construction from Fort Worth south and Mr. E. F. Banks from Temple north, both being under Major B. M. Temple, Chief Engineer. M. C. Hurley and Ricker, Lee & Co. were the principal contractors.

Tracklaying was begun at Temple on April 15, 1881, and reached Cleburne about Oct. 1st. The rails were 56 pound iron, new. Rail renewals have been made from time to time with heavier material and the program now in replacements is to lay rail of 115 pound section per yard.

At a regular monthly meeting of the directors on Nov. 7, 1881, the president reported the purchase of "the independent telegraph line between Cleburne and Fort Worth" and also advised the road to Fort Worth was opened for business freight traffic, and expected to open



This scene of the business area of Godley was photographed in the early 1900's. Buggies, wagons, horses and a few cars show the beginning of the mechanical age in transportation. The photograph was taken looking east. Many of these business houses are still standing today.

for passenger business to that point by Jan. 1, 1882.

TMC Ry Purchased

At their regular meeting of June 6, 1882, the board of directors approved the purchase of the Chicago, Texas and Mexican Central Railway "extending from Cleburne to Dallas, Texas, a distance of about

53 miles of main line of road." Accordingly, at a special meeting of the directors, on July 6, 1882, another amendment to the charter was approved, to provide for the North-eastern Branch, "commencing at the City of Cleburne in Johnson County; thence north-eastwardly through the Counties of Johnson,

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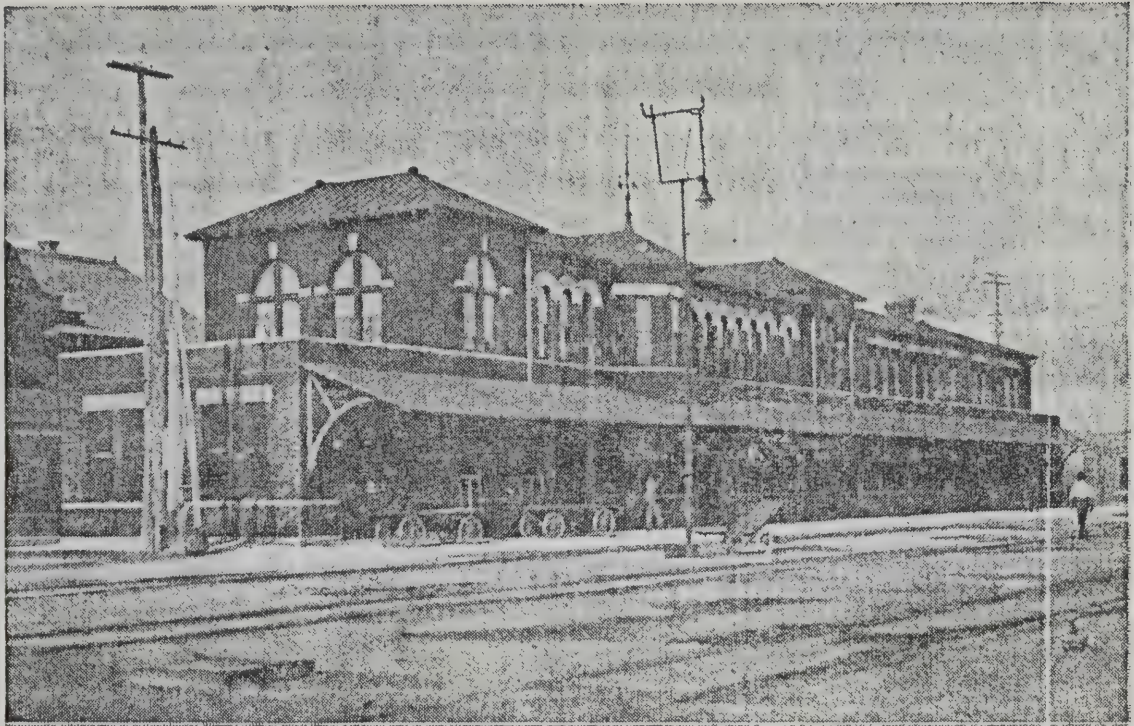
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the second story of the depot building was dismantled and the structure was remodeled in its present style.

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Central Railway.

The report of the Executive Committee, dated February 12, 1883, presented and approved at the regular monthly meeting of the Directors, on the same date, advised

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With this construction Cleburne became the hub of the Santa Fe serving this area—with spokes or branches radiating to Fort Worth and Dallas, to Temple and thence on to Galveston.

Shops Established

The establishment of Santa Fe shops at Cleburne commenced in

1898, where during that year and 1899 the following facilities were constructed:

Roundhouse and 60 ft. turntable.
 Machine shop
 Boiler shop
 Wood shop
 Coach shop
 Paint shop
 Car repair shed
 Powerhouse
 Stack
 Pattern shop
 Storehouse and Supt. of Machinery's office

In 1908 the roundhouse was extended and an 85 ft. turntable installed. A new coach, paint and wood-working shop was built in this year.

Subsequent replacement and expansion of the shops at Cleburne have been in this order:

Planing mill and dry kiln	1914
Air brake shop	1918
Boiler and blacksmith shop	1926-1927
Lavatory building	1927
Machine shop	1928-1929
Babbitt shop	1929
Power house	1929-30
Store Department building	1931
Frame and concrete sand house	1946
New turntable, 120 ft.	1946
Diesel servicing facilities	1946-1948

On March 1, 1937, the Santa Fe took over the operation of the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Co. a line running from Fort Worth to Menard. A small portion of this line crosses the northwest tip of Johnson County as it enters Cresson in Hood County.

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Godley business people got together in 1906 for a photograph. Some, such as the milliner on the back row, telephone employee on the second row, and photographer on the front row, are displaying symbols of their businesses.

Pictured on the front row, left to right, are: Aaron Hughs, M. E. McNally, Hugh Ray, Ernest Bandy, Hugh Miller and Virgie Carrell. The mid-

dle row, left to right, includes: J. W. Garrett, B. F. Blanton, Newt Austin, R. J. Shelley, Jim Raines, W. S. Dement, John Bruce and John R. Beaver. Standing, left to right, are: Will Lowder, J. F. Harris, Ben Baggett, Mrs. R. J. Shelley, Nora Rhodes, Mrs. Troop, William Thetford, Dr. Jack, Dr. B. B. Robison and Bill Green.

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Venus, one time cotton capital of the world, is making a comeback.

Located in one of the richest black land belts in the United States Venus showed a slight increase in population during the last 10 years. Venus merchants expect the popu-

lation to increase steadily henceforth and some of the glory that was enjoyed for more than 30 years, 1900 to 1930, is expected to return.

If the Johnson County line had dropped back just a little west, the county would have been de-

prived of Venus, which is located in the easternmost part of the county line. Venus residents and farmers in the surrounding territory, look to Cleburne and Dallas for their needs.

Most of the old buildings, which were vacant from 1930 to 1940 are occupied now, with thriving new businesses. These businesses include a drug store, blacksmith shop, dry goods, and variety, hardware, four grocery stores, a cafe, barber shop, beauty parlor, garage, weekly newspaper plant, water department, lumber yard, two cotton gins and four gas stations.

Venus Drug Store is a good example of the spirit of Venus folk to overcome obstacles and stage a comeback. Back in 1943, the little town was without a drug store. So, these people with confidence in the future, pooled their meager funds and established a community drug store. Some of the stockholders put as little as \$5 into the business. About the highest ante by anybody was \$75.

The store was a success from the start, but a good drug store needs a good pharmacist. Dr. C. C. Anderson, beloved country doctor, volunteered for the position.

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pay off the investors and pay dividends. Currently, the store is very solvent with \$6,000 surplus merchandise stock. It is operated by A. F. Hughes, who has lived in Venus for 51 years and Mrs. Ethel Martin.

Dr. Anderson, as a personality, was a good example of the folks who make Venus click. After going night and day for almost 30 years, the good doctor's ticker, which is a way of saying heart, played out on him. He retired from active practice to rest on his well-earned laurels. Then, World War II came along. Young doctors were called into the service. One day Dr. Anderson realized there wasn't a practicing M. D. between Cleburne and Dallas. He did the only thing his duty-bound mind could think of. He went back to work and continued to work until his death a few months ago.

Venus boasted a total of six doctors when Dr. Anderson arrived in 1912. There wasn't a vacant office or residence in the booming little cotton empire. The doctor and his family put up at the hotel for awhile.

Venus has four churches, a modern school, a fire department and its own telephone exchange. Electric energy is provided by Texas Power & Light Co. The churches

include Church of Christ, Baptist, Methodist and Assembly of God. The Assembly of God church building was recently completed. The other churches are housed in fine, old buildings kept in splendid repair.

The town is served by motor freight lines, Central Texas Bus line and two railroads.

The Venus Express, a weekly paper, was established in 1912 by Sam Brazwell. The paper is now owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lee. Mrs. Lee, a kindly lady with snow white hair, laughingly refers to herself as the sports editor. The newspaper is supported by just about every merchant in Venus and many Alvarado merchants.

Many of its display ads are laid out on page one.

At one time the thriving little town had two banks. They are both gone now. Miss Willie Goad operates a washateria in one of the old bank buildings. All of the merchants are looking forward to the time some banking firm will see fit to establish another bank in town. The merchants say a bank is all that is lacking to a successful comeback for the town.

Venus named for the "Goddess of Beauty" by its founder J. C. Smyth, who started the town by

building the first home, was settled in 1890.

About 1893-'94 the city of Venus was located in the rich fertile black-land belt at the intersection of the Dallas to Paris Branch of the Santa Fe railroad, between Cleburne and Dallas, and the I&G. N. railroad between Fort Worth and Waco.

In 1895 a group of prominent, civic minded men saw the need of a good school in the Venus community to replace the small school which was located in the east part of town. The citizens secured lots, subscribed the funds and gave them to D. A. Leak and A. P. Thomas who agreed to erect a school building not to cost less than \$5,000.

The board of trustees for this school included Ben Barnes, L. B. Truelove, J. C. Smyth, S. E. Wilkerson, T. V. Smyth, Dr. C. C. Russell, Judge W F. Ramsy, Isaac Griffith, M. Sansom, J. M. McPherson, M. F. Mahanay, J. B. Hurst and W. H. Kugle.

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ing citizens in our community.

Burnetta College ceased to function in 1906 and a new public school building was erected on the same grounds and this continues to be the site of the Venus School.

Venus is located at a junction point of two railroads, the Santa Fe having been built years before Venus was founded. The I G N, now known as the Missouri and Pacific, was built in the early 1900's. The railroads contributed much to the early growth of the once thriving little city.

Present day Venus takes pride in her schools, churches, business establishments and beautiful homes, all existing evidence of a heritage of culture and prosperity handed down from those who founded Venus.

Among residents of Venus who have lived in Johnson County for seventy years or more are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shirley, Miss Lida Shirley, Miss Edna Shirley, Mr. W. L. Henderson, Mr. T. J. Reid, and Miss Maggie Spears.

County's Oldest Native Is 91

Johnson County's oldest living native is Alvin Marchbanks, 91, who lives on Route 1, Cleburne.

Born two miles north of Cleburne on June 24, 1862, Marchbanks was the son of Jasper and Minerva Mills Marchbanks. His father and his father's five brothers came to Texas from Tennessee in 1844. Later two of the men settled on the banks of the Nolan River, one at Lane Prairie and two with Jasper Marchbanks near Cleburne. At that time, Buchanan was the county seat. The town of Waxahachie is built on the section of land that the elder Marchbanks and his brother-in-law settled on soon after they arrived in this state.

"Brub," as the Johnson Countian is known to his many friends, is the only living child of the Jasper Marchbanks family. His brother and sister both are dead. Marchbanks' mother died when he was five years old. Soon after that he had . . . and lost . . . his first job. Hired by a man to plow,

Marchbanks did not have any shoes and walking behind the plow over the stubble made sores on his feet. His father went to town and bought his son some boots to wear, but wearing the boots without socks of any kind made more sores on his feet. Hence, he was unable to wear the boots . . . probably his first "store-bought" pair . . . and lost his job as a consequence.

Jasper Marchbanks died at the age of 49, five days prior to his 50th birthday. Brub took care of himself from that time on. He recalls the job he had at 15, the first year after his father's death. For \$7 a month he cut wood all winter on a farm. "Winters were much more severe then," he says. With the coming of the first north-er, the cows would leave for the timber sections and would have to be rounded up in the spring.

Johnson County was thinly settled in those days, according to Marchbanks. Once a year his father went to Dallas in an ox wagon to buy foodstuffs such as

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flour, coffee at 10c a pound in sacks which the family would parch and grind themselves, and 100 pounds of sugar for \$5. The hardest thing to get was salt. Grain would be taken to the mill in Mansfield in those early years of this county's history.

Marchbanks' father and the five brothers who came to Johnson County with him left their homes here to fight during the Civil War.

In 1890 Marchbanks became a law officer and served as deputy sheriff and on the police force until 1897. It was his sworn duty to enforce the law, but "Brub" would never be a witness against any of his prisoners. "I never turned a man out of jail who wasn't my friend," he says. Cleburne was a wild place during that time, according to Marchbanks. In the earlier days everyone took care of his own business. Stealing was the main trouble, and Marchbanks recalls his father telling him that the Indians would steal stock from the settlers. This led to the killing of Indians in this vicinity. "The first ranger, Alex Williams, was stationed at Ft. Belnap because of the Indians." Marchbanks' father also told him of the first grand jury ever to be impaneled. This was at the log school house on the banks of the Nolan River.

Being sheriff occupied all of Marchbanks' time during the week, so his wedding to Martha Baker of Alvarado in 1891 was on Sunday, Oct. 18. The daughter of Jessie and Telitha Baker, the bride lived three miles west of Alvarado. She, too, is a native of Johnson County and is 82 years old. "We went together four years before getting



This is Johnson County's oldest living native, Alvin Marchbanks, as he looked as a young man of about 25. Born in 1862 north of Cleburne, Marchbanks now lives with his wife, their daughter and her family south of Cleburne. The couple were married in 1891.

married," Marchbanks says. A picture on this page shows the young couple in the summer of 1888 in a buggy at Lee's Academy, which is now known as Buel. They had been to a picnic.

The Marchbanks had seven children, six of which are living. They include: Mrs. Edith Richardson, with whom they live; Mrs. Martha Gunn of Amarillo; Mrs. Lila Hoffman of Lubbock; Mrs. Tommy Williams and Mrs. Wilma Atchley,

both of Cleburne; and Jim English Marchbanks. Their oldest child, Phil, died in 1931. The couple has fifteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his law enforcement duties, Marchbanks was a cotton buyer for fifteen years and farmed many years of his life. He smiles when discussing the dried beef people used to eat. "It was cut in strips, dried and smoked. Then we would trim the outside and eat it. It was the best beef I ever tasted." Today's biscuits fall short of those "Brub" remembers that didn't have baking powder in them, but perhaps that is due partly to the fact that he thinks the best cooking was done on wood stoves.

Prices have gone up and down a great deal during Marchbanks' ninety-one years. He has sold corn and oats at 15c and 20c a bushel. "Good corn-fed hogs brought 2c a pound," he states.

Many changes have come to living conditions, standards of conduct, and styles in various things since his early years, and Marchbanks has adjusted to them all. In very good health, as is his wife, he enjoys going places in the car and all the other conveniences that much younger persons accept as only natural.

PROMENADES

The promenade costume of 1888 was made from rose surah silk with mahogany velvet straps. Gold tassels, buttons, gloves and parasol gave a touch of color contrast. The hat, bonnet style, was made from rose surah, with mahogany feathers and gold silk puffs and ties.

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A pioneer couple of Cleburne and Johnson County are shown here at their home. The couple are Mr. and Mrs. T. H. (Cain) Griffin, who lived east of Cleburne on the Old Alvarado Road.

This picture was made about 1895 at a usual Sunday afternoon gathering of family and friends.

Shown standing, left to right, are: T. H. (Cain) Griffin and his wife, Mrs. Ellen Griffin; Mrs. Nora Cook, a daughter, and her husband, E. A. Cook; Tump Griffin, a son; John William Riggs and his wife, Mrs. Willie Griffin Riggs, a daughter; and Mrs. Jack Rice. Mrs. Rice was a sister of the

elder Griffin. The baby in Mrs. Riggs' arms is her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Riggs Whitehouse. Left to right seated are: Grady Griffin, a son; Mrs. Ahta Griffin Turner, a daughter; Woody Rice; Jack Griffin, a son; Mrs. Mollie Currie, a daughter; Mrs. Nell Hague Roper, Gyndon Hague and Mrs. Ruby Hague Morgan, grandchildren of T. H. Griffin; and their mother, Mrs. Lula Griffin Hague, also a daughter.

Persons shown here who are now residents of Cleburne include: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Whitehouse, Mrs. Turner, Jack Griffin, Mrs. Roper and Mrs. Hague.

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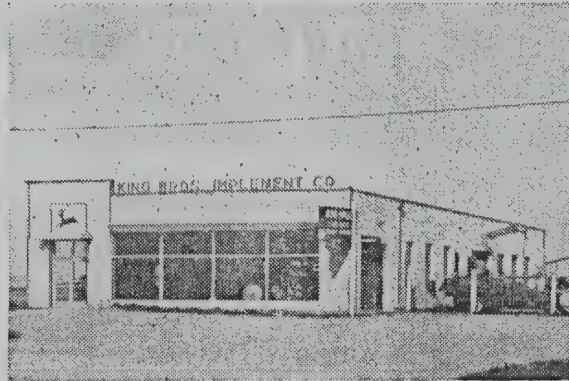
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Historical Facts Revealed About Alvarado; First Town In County

Historical facts supplied by Joseph McClure, the last living person who was at the site of Alvarado at the time of the founding of this town:

Shortly after Samuel Myers, Johnson County's first resident, settled about three miles north of what is now the town of Alvarado, Wm. Balch and others of his relation, settled where our town now stands. The Billingsleys and other families had also settled nearby.

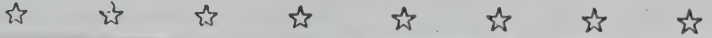
A few goods were being sold out of a private residence by Steve Bright and John Waddell, and a postoffice had been established at D. Mitchell's place about three miles northeast of Alvarado.

Sq. Wm. Welch conceived the idea of a town here, and in 1853, with the help of some neighbors and a surveyor, he laid off the original town plot, and sold lots at about \$10 each.

He also gave a six-acre plot of ground for the cemetery, and a lot for a union church and a school house, just north of the old cemetery. The building was used, both, as a church and school house. Soon after, he built a hotel and two store houses, all of logs.

The name of the new village, "Alvarado," was conferred on the place by Abe Onstott, a veteran of the war with Mexico. A Spanish officer by the name of Alvarado, had fought with the Texas soldiers so valiantly in that war as to gain the full confidence and respect of all who were in his command. So, Onstott, who was afterwards the first "high sheriff" of Johnson County, named the town "Alvarado" in honor of his friend and comrade.

With this name, Alvarado had its beginning in 1854.



Shown here is the second oldest business institution in Johnson County. It is the Park Hardware of Alvarado. To the extreme left of the picture is the late Horace Park. Herbert Park, one of the present owners, and his father, the late C. H. Park, are shown in the foreground before the business.

The store is now owned and operated by H. M. Park, George Park and G. R. Park, all citizens of Alvarado.

Col. Laramore built the second residence. Then, on, as a frontier village, huts were built, more stores opened, and the post office was moved to town.

The first tread mill was built by John Billingsley and ——. Garrett.

The second mill was a steam mill built by Wm. Balch, Tony Richardson and John Jacobs.

The first cotton gin was built by Moses Barnes.

The first ministers to preach

here were Revs. Veal, Odom, King and Easterwood.

The doctors were Conger, Duke, and Weaver.

The first school teacher was Miss Harris.

The first Justice of the Peace was Wm. Balch.

The first marriage was Elizabeth Balch to D. D. Myers, June 10, 1852.

The first birth was to the above named couple, Aug. 22, 1853, and the child, a boy, was christened

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Girls of the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades of Alvarado High School posed for this picture on March 30, 1906. Their teacher, J. Stone Rives, is shown with the girls.

Pictured on the back row, from left to right, are: Vera Norman, Lucille Marie Smith, Freda Shultz, Gertrude Goldsmith, Hazle Barnes, Achsa Prestridge and Ruth McPhearson. Middle row, left to right, includes: Florence Wilmeth, Maggie Ewing, Lula Beeman, Flossie Brown, Dovie Moore, Callie Blair, Rosamond Posey, Ruby Pardue and Janet Pollard. Seated, left to right, are: Eugena Wilmeth, Mae Glasgow, Bennie Barnes, Willow Prestridge, Sibyl Reynolds, Alma Prestridge, Nettle Reynolds and Jessie Hill.

W. H. H. Balch. Other records give the name of John Balch as the first child born in the county, to Mr. and Mrs. Evans Balch, about a mile northeast of Alvarado.

The first death was that of Mrs. M. (McClure) Parker, mother of Jos. McClure. She was the daughter of Wm. Balch. Her body lies in the rock tomb in the old cemetery here, along with others who died in the early part of 1850 and later.

The first lawyers were J. W. Berry and — Bradshaw.

The first lawsuit was Wm. Wise vs. Wm. Combs. The second was Isaac Futhey vs. Samuel Myers.

Court was held under the shade of an oak tree by Squire Wm. Balch.

The first murder was Mose Harper, by accident, when John Lauderdale shot at Bill Harris.

The first cotton raised in this county was in 1863, and the first white corn by T. V. Smith, in 1858. Some wheat had been grown prior to that date.

The city of Alvarado was incorporated in 1878. Squire J. H. Wright was its first mayor, and Jim W. St. John was the first city marshal. At that time the town had about 100 population, and the country was rapidly settling up.

Several log and plank shack stores had been built in places around the public square. The first brick building was the west wing of the old Sparks house, now the Commercial Hotel.

The second brick was a store at the Northwest corner of the square.

The third brick was the famous old "Blue Front," about midway of the south side of the square, which later became notorious for its record as a place of resort for saloons, gambling, and questionable occupants in its second story.

From that time on, the town built rapidly.

The Missouri Pacific was the first railway in Johnson County and it laid its rails into Alvarado in 1881, the first train coming in to this place on July 17, 1881. It is now the M. K. T. Railway.

The Chicago, Texas & Mexican was the second railway to enter Johnson County, running from Dallas to Alvarado, and its first train arrived here on Christmas Day, 1881. This is now the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway.

The Katy railway made a division point at Alvarado, called "new town," to a business center that threatened to outrival the old town, but in 1894, the shops and division point were moved to Hillsboro, and Newtown dwindled away.

The Alvarado Bulletin was established in 1880 and has been in continuous publication since. It is now the oldest business institution in Johnson County, and one of the older newspapers of Texas.

It was established by A. J. Byrd, who was followed by several owners. Later, G. C. Fahm took charge. He was succeeded by F. B. Baillio, who sold The Bulletin to P. H. Pardue, of Waxahachie, in November, 1895. After the death of Mr. Pardue in 1909, the paper passed to his sons, J. F. Pardue and C. F. Pardue, who continued its publication until the death of C. F. Pardue in April, 1942. J. F. continued as publisher until 1952 when he retired from

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A familiar scene is pictured here in front of an Alvarado barber shop. The photograph made fifty or more years ago shows several of the barbers in Johnson County's oldest town, a few of which still live there. Onlookers seem anxious to see a good fight. Can you identify anyone in the picture?

active business and sold his interest in The Bulletin to his nephew, Franklin Pardue, son of the late C. F. Pardue.

Not only is the Alvarado Bulletin the oldest business institution in Johnson County, it has also not missed a single issue of publication since it started.

The second oldest business institution in the county is also located at Alvarado, it is the Park Hardware, now owned and operated by H. M. Park, George Park and G. R. Park all of Alvarado.

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Do you remember the bustle? The bustle was made in various ways, any combination of wires, whalebone and crinoline accomplishing the trick. Some were long, reaching to below the knees, others only extended a foot or so downward. Strings held the lower ends together to prevent a collapse, and muslin bags stuffed with horsehair and tied about the waist with tape, did the trick for some. An old lady who paid a continuous round of overnight visits to her numerous descendants, carried her nightgown as a bustle.

THREE COUNTY SEATS IN A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

During the early days of Johnson County virtually every settler wanted the county seat in his locality. Transportation and communication were poor, and the pioneer felt a need to be near the center of county government. Thus, it is not surprising that the county seat was moved several times in a very few years.

The first county seat was located at Wardville, about three miles west of what is now Cleburne, near the present Nolan River Country Club. The meeting place was a one-room primitive log cabin. This proved to be unsatisfactory, and it was not long until a committee was appointed to advertise and receive bids for building a courthouse.

In October 1856, the county seat was relocated at Buchanan, about three miles north of Cleburne. In 1860, a committee was named to draft a plan for a courthouse at this location.

Finally, in March 1867, the county seat was moved to Camp Henderson, later to become known as Cleburne. On October 26, 1870, a courthouse was completed.

According to information received this courthouse was torn down, and a new structure was built in 1883. This building burned April 15, 1912.

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Resentment of having reached the age when military training was required caused Henry Briden to leave his family and home in Germany in 1845 and to become the first settler in Johnson County four years later.

Born in Bicaluch, Germany, on Oct. 31, 1825, Henry Briden came to the United States as a stowaway with only his clothes and a Bible his father had given him when he bade him good-bye. Galveston was the port where Briden first entered this country.

After living in Washington County and in La Grange, Briden joined the Texas Rangers in 1847 and served on the frontier for two years. He then worked for Charles Sevier, a surveyor, and married his employer's daughter, Lucinda G. Sevier, in 1849.

Briden, his bride, her father and an uncle, A. J. Sevier, came to what is now Johnson County later that year to claim land along the Nolan River. Their first home was



This is the third house built by Henry Briden, Johnson County's first resident. This home is located about 2½ miles northwest of Rio Vista near the banks of the Nolan River.

Standing in front of the house, from left to right, are: Mrs. Briden; Henry Briden; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taack; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sloan and daughter, Lola. Mr. Taack resides in Rio Vista at the present time.

The photo was made in the spring of 1900.

a log cabin about 16 ft. square with a fireplace and chimney of native stone. It was located on the east bank of the Nolan River about 2¼ miles northwest of Rio Vista.

A 2-room log cabin was built a few years later on the west side of

the river. This cabin is still standing and is now being used for a barn. In 1856, lumber was hauled from Houston by ox wagons to build a 4-room cabin. A wide hall was in the center of the house, a porch across the front and fire-

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places were put in the east and west rooms. This house still stands (picture will be used of it in program).

Briden left his family in 1863 for the Civil War, returning in 1866. His wife died in 1875, leaving four children. She was buried near the Nolan River. Briden married Mattie M. Foard later in 1875. A son, John, was born six years later. Mrs. Briden died in 1881, and her survivors included two daughters, Alma, 5, and Lusettie, 3, and the son. Briden was later married to Sarah Ann Mulliness.

Briden lived on the banks of the Nolan River till 1900, at which time he built a home about a mile west of the three former ones. He later lived with his daughter, Mrs. Lusettie Taack.

Briden died Aug. 29, 1908, and was buried in the Grange Hall Cemetery, where his wife had been buried five years before.

His Bible and cherished rocking chair were destroyed by fire in 1944 when the Taack home in Rio Vista burned.

Descendants of Briden now living include: Mrs. Faye Carmichael

County Named for Col. M. T. Johnson

Johnson County was named in honor of Colonel M. T. Johnson who was born in Georgia. In 1842 he moved to Shelby County, Texas. Two years later Johnson was elected representative of his county to the state legislature.

Colonel Johnson raised a company of minute men and volunteers for the Mexican War of 1846. The company remained with General Zachary Taylor until after the surrender of Monterrey. Soon after returning to Texas Johnson was commissioned by Governor J. Pinckney Henderson to raise a company of cavalry or "rangers" for frontier defense.

In 1851 Colonel Johnson and Gen-

eral Tom J. Rusk were employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to survey the route of the railroad west of Fort Worth. Colonel Johnson served the railway company in this capacity for several years.

Again in 1861 Johnson was commissioned to raise a regiment of rangers to rid the frontier of hostile Indians.

After the Civil War Colonel Johnson was elected to the state legislature, the first after the so-called Reconstruction. Soon after the adjournment of this legislature, the Colonel died and was buried at his old home near Johnson's Station in Tarrant County.

One of Johnson's biographers depicts him as "... a good speaker lacking neither education nor common sense. He was of an impulsive nature and fond of adventure. He had much to do with the Indians on the frontier both as friend and foe. Johnson would as soon range the frontier in search of the hostile Comanches as to sit down to eat a meal."

of Rio Vista; Mrs. Susie Smith of Fort Worth, Mrs. Myrtle Tatum of Fort Worth, Mrs. Annie Borden of Fort Worth, George Taack of Rio Vista, Mrs. H. B. VanZandt and Mrs. Addie McCollum of Cleburne, all grandchildren.

Mrs. Lusettie Taack of Rio Vista, who died Nov. 29, 1946, was the last surviving child of Briden.

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Dr., Mrs. Colquitt, Residents of Rio Vista, Photographed by J. A. Lindgren

This pioneer Johnson County physician and his wife are the late Dr. and Mrs. Landon A. Colquitt, who lived in Rio Vista where Dr. Colquitt practiced medicine for forty years.

Dr. Colquitt came to Texas from Tennessee in 1878 and practiced medicine until the day of his death, April 17, 1917. He was a member of the Thirty-Third Legislature, held a prominent place on the Rio Vista school board for thirty years and was an elder in the Church of Christ for 15 years

in that community. He received his degree in medicine from Vanderbilt University in 1876 and took a post graduate course at Vanderbilt in 1895.

The former Miss Tabbie Yater, the physician's wife also came to Texas from Tennessee in 1878 at the age of eleven. She attended Prof. Irving's Select School for Young Ladies in Cleburne before her marriage to Dr. Colquitt on May 23, 1886. She died in Cleburne on June 28, 1950.

Surviving children of the couple

are: Mrs. A. E. Walker of Waxahachie; Mrs. Frank Lacewell, Mrs. O. T. Smyth Sr. and Paul Colquitt, all of Cleburne.

The picture, taken shortly after the couple's marriage, was made by J. A. Lindgren, Cleburne's first photographer. The father of two present Cleburne residents, Mrs. Harry Rubenkoenig and Alfred Lindgren. Lindgren was born in Sweden. He was told by his grandmother that when he completed school she would give him a choice of going to college or going to America. In 1869 Lindgren chose to come to the United States. He became an assistant to a photographer in Houston and, in the early 1880's, Lindgren moved to Cleburne. He lived here until his death in 1906.



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Religion Plays Major Role In Johnson County History

Religion and its emphasis on daily life and dealing with one's fellow man has been an important part of life in Johnson County for nearly 100 years.

Records show that there were four church groups in Alvarado in 1863, all meeting in a union building on ground deeded for that purpose by William Balch. The two-story structure served a three-fold purpose. The Masonic fraternity occupied the upper story and the churches and school the lower.

One person from each denomination served on the board of trustees which controlled the building.

The first Methodist preachers in the county were Rev. W. G. Veal and Rev. McShann. Rev. Weir and Rev. Josh Wilshire were early ministers of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In 1861 the Baptist group was started by Rev. W. G. Gentry in Alvarado. The Chris-

tian Church was established in Alvarado at an early date.

Simeon Adam, an early Methodist evangelist in this county, held a meeting near Grandview. He was followed by Jeremiah Esterwood. Cleburne's first Methodist minister was Rev. J. P. Mussett.

Alvarado was also the birthplace of Presbyterianism in the county. A petition for the organization of a church in Cleburne was presented the Central Presbytery of Texas and services were held the first time in Cleburne on Aug. 22, 1875. In April of 1876 the churches in Alvarado and Cleburne were consolidated.

Robert and Finis E. King organized the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and its first minister to settle here was Thomas L. Wilshire.

Rev. W. A. Mason was instrumental in founding the Baptist Church in Cleburne and the build-

ing was constructed in 1875. The Church of the Holy Comforter, Episcopal, was organized by Rev. Nash in 1871. The Catholic Church was built in 1877 and Rev. Murphy was the first to read mass in Cleburne.

Christian ministers were in the county as early as 1856 and Elder John Whitmire organized a church in Grandview.

Today Cleburne alone has thirty churches of all faiths.

A Baptist church in Bethesda is said to have been organized in 1852 two years before this area was a county, in a log residence of J. W. Rawls. The log church burned. It was also used as a school house and a church was built there in 1878 at the cemetery.

The first Church of Christ in the county was started at Wardville, while it was county seat from 1854-1856.

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Joshua, eight miles north of Cleburne on the Fort Worth highway, is the peanut and sweet 'tater capital of Johnson County.

The little town with the Biblical name, has its share of Grade A dairies too, but that is nothing to boast about. Just about every community in Johnson County is well supplied with the modern dairy plants and fine Jersey cattle.

Joshua is a little bit different in a lot of ways from other Johnson County communities. A goodly number of the natives may not know it but the little town has just about everything to make its future a success. One of the busiest highways in Texas runs through the town, the Santa Fe railroad runs along at the back doors of most of the stores in Joshua. Lone Star Gas Co. has a huge measuring station in the little town. Three

churches, an outstanding school plant, good water and diversified farming complete the success picture.

There is hardly an hour in the day when Joshua merchants are not busy. Most of the time, autos are parked double on the wide main street of the town. Joshua has an up-to-date drug stores, two cafes, two hardware stores, a garage, three grocery stores, pool hall, several service stations, post office, dry goods store and a dry goods and variety store.

Some of the finest country butter in the land is made and sold at Joshua. This butter is made by dairymen in the community, sold to merchants in Joshua, who in turn sell it to a select few customers in Fort Worth. Hundreds of dozens of fresh eggs are handled in the same manner. The eggs bring a

premium at select Fort Worth cafes, whose owners know the quality and freshness of Joshua produce.

Joshua was placed on the map when Dr. D. B. McMillan moved his drug store and the post office from Caddo Grove, two miles west, to the new Santa Fe railroad, and called the new location Joshua. This was back in 1882, when the Santa Fe railroad built a line into Cleburne. Dr. McMillan was the father of the late Angus McMillan, who owned and operated the only bank at Joshua for many years.

W. L. West, another Caddo Grove merchant, moved his store to Joshua about the same time that McMillan named the little settlement. The pioneer's son, Sam West operates a grocery store in Joshua today.

As Joshua began to take shape, Caddo Grove faded out of the picture, except for the cemetery. The community continues to bury its dead at the old Caddo Grove Cemetery.

Cleburne's own Dr. W. P. Ball, whose father moved to a farm on the old stage coach route, now known as the old Fort Worth highway, watched the Santa Fe build the railroad, which changed Caddo Grove to Joshua. Dr. Ball's father moved to a farm four miles north of Cleburne in 1876. The railroad came through six years later. Back in those days, the railroads used wagons and teams and a lot of manpower to construct the road beds.

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The backdrop for the stage was of white sheets with freshly-picked oak leaves pinned in place. The class motto was "A noble thought is a step toward God."

Seated, from left to right, are: Miss Mollie McPherson; Miss Evelyn Jenkins; Miss Ethel Brooks; Miss Mattie Hagler, who is now Mrs. Otto Foster of Cleburne; Willie Cummings, now deceased, who was a practicing physician in Alvarado for many

years; Miss Effie Garrett, a graduate in elocution; Miss Imogene Morgan, elocution teacher, who was later married to J. C. Clayton, shown on the left in the back row; Miss Gertrude Dickinson, who now lives in Godley; Miss Ora Cummings; Miss Kate Hannon and Miss Stella Townes, music graduates; and Mrs. May DeJarnette, music teacher, now still resides in Joshua.

The back row includes, left to right: Clayton; Mr. Council and Will Russell, all who were teachers at Willie Denton College. One of the 1903 graduates, Miss Eula Pickett, was ill and not shown. She is now Mrs. Noble West of Cleburne.

the old school continue to hold annual homecomings.

Joshua, like all other communities of an early day in Texas, depended on production of cotton and corn. During the last few years, these crops have given way to the production of peanuts and sweet potatoes. The deep, sandy soil around Joshua is ideally suited for the production of quality sweet

potatoes and prolific peanut crops.

The soil also produces Bermuda grass in abundance, a fact which used to worry the minds and break the backs of cotton farmers in the area. It wasn't until recently that the farmers realized they could make more off the land by allowing the Bermuda grass to grow rampant.

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The town of Joshua looked much like this in the early years of this century. It is pictured here prior to the building of the highway through the heart of the town. The drugstore on the left looks similar to this now and two of the town's churches can be seen on the right of the dirt road. Today, Joshua has been by-passed with the construction of the new highway.

his start in Joshua. Judge O. B. Pherson, beloved district judge of a few years back, was also a product of Joshua. Other oldtimers who have descendents living in Joshua and Cleburne, include Dee Hadley, Owen Brown, Johnny Odom, Rev. John W. Newbrough, the Eddleman and Warren families.

Like Cleburne and Burleson,

many of the families living in Joshua, have one or more members working in Fort Worth. Pay checks of these workers mean a lot more to the prosperity of Joshua than any of the paydays to cowboys, who drove cattle up the hard packed trail, 100 yards wide, which used to pass near the little settlement enroute to Oklahoma.

ADVENTUROUS EXPLORER NAMES NOLAN RIVER

The most important river in Johnson County is the Nolan River, which rises in the northwest section of the county and empties into the Brazos River in Hill County.

Phillip Nolan, an explorer and trader during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, is said to have been killed on the banks of the river that bears his name.

Nolan, an Irishman, came to Texas for the purpose of procuring cavalry horses for the United States Army. While here, he drew a map of the section (believed to have been the first map of Texas drawn by a white man) and took notes about the country.

Visiting Texas again some time later, supposedly for the same purpose, he was suspected of plotting against the interests of Spain and was forbidden in the province. He managed to elude the Mexicans and made his way back to Central Texas. Here, he and his little band of men were overcome. A small cannon was fired, killing Phillip Nolan on the first discharge.



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Missouri Pacific Buys Land From H. C. Renfro

Mr. Dodge of Missouri Pacific Railroad purchased land from Rev. H. C. Renfro for the Burleson township on April 27, 1881. Rev. Renfro was given privilege of naming the town and it was named in honor of his teacher, Dr. Rufus C. Burleson who was President of Baylor at Independence.

Burleson was incorporated in 1912. Mr. G. W. Bransom was the first mayor.

First church and Sunday School in this area was Presbyterian at Red Oak Academy just one mile west of Burleson.

The Baptist Church was organized May 18, 1884 on the veranda of the hotel and Sunday School in 1893.

The Methodist Church was organized in 1888.

The first newspaper was published June 21, 1895.

In 1913 The Farmers and Merchants bank opened for business. All officers of the bank were Burleson men. Mr. G. E. Bransom has been with the bank since its opening. Mr. Bransom was assistant cashier and at the present time is cashier and director.

The Big Four Company is the oldest business in Burleson that is still in the same family and operates under the same name. It was established around 1890.

The Eumathian Club was organ-

ized in 1899 by a hand full of ladies for the purpose of bringing culture to Burleson. They established a

lending library around 1910 and turned their books over to the school years later. The Eumathian Club sponsored a park at the southeast edge of Burleson that was a play and picnic ground until the highway to Alvarado went through the park. Mrs. W. P. Lace was one of the charter members of the club and is the only charter member that is still active.



A group of Burleson school students posed for this picture in 1902. Many of the pupils still reside in Johnson County. Eight persons shown now live in Burleson and one in Godley, Mrs. Bob Anderson, mother of the United States Secretary of the Navy.

Shown on the back row are: George Bransom, left, and Gus Bransom extreme right. The second man on the second row from the top is Sam Wilshire, and Arthur Haskew is the fourth person from the left on the same row. On the third row from the left are, Mrs. Pearl Clark, ninth person; Mrs. Flora Haskew, tenth person; and Mrs. Bob Anderson, 14th person. Mrs. Beulah Wilshire is pictured second from the left on the fourth row, and the 17th person on the same row is Mrs. C. C. Taylor.

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County's First Newspaper Printed In Cleburne

In 1868, just one year after the founding of Cleburne, the county's first newspaper was printed. It was the Cleburne Chronicle with Major Jack Davis as editor and proprietor.

In 1880 the Cleburne Weekly Bulletin was organized by the Bulletin Publishing Co. Moved to Alvarado soon, the paper became known as the Alvarado Bulletin and its first issue was published April 15, 1881. This paper is the only paper which has been published continuously since its founding and is ranked as one of the pioneer papers of the state.

The Cleburne Tribune was form-

ed in 1886 by Dr. Anderson Young and W. H. Graves. It became a weekly paper in 1887.

J. A. Templeton and H. E. Oldfather founded the Johnson County Tribune in 1891. F. B. Ballio of Alvarado purchased half interest in the paper and became editor being published as a morning daily and later a weekly. Oatis Poole bought it and changed the name to Cleburne Morning Review. J. R. Ransone founded the Cleburne Enterprise in 1883. The paper was idle for a year after his death in 1924 until it was bought by a stock company and became the Cleburne Daily Times.

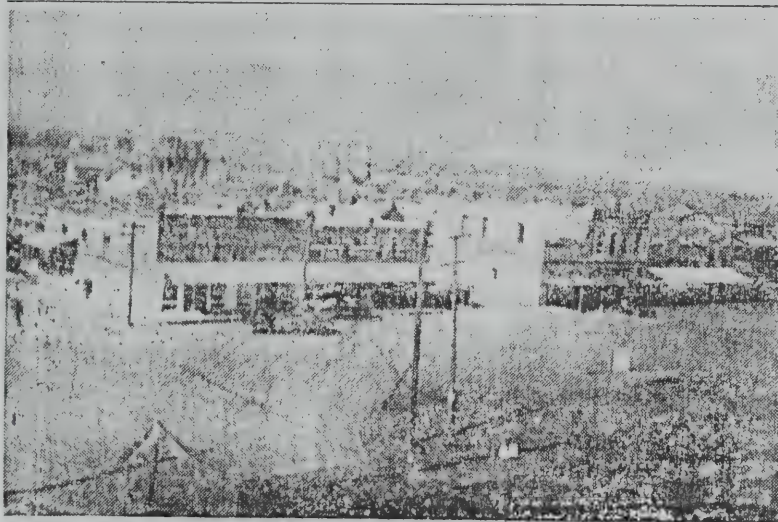
Oct. 1, 1928, was the birthdate of the Cleburne Times-Review, which was a consolidation of the Cleburne Morning Review and Cleburne Daily Times by the Southwest Press organization. William Rawland is the owner of the paper at the present time.

The Grandview Tribune was begun in 1894. Another continuously published pioneer paper is the Burlson News, started in 1887.

The first paper printed in Godley was in 1901, The Godley Progress, followed by the Godley Herald. The Times was published in Godley in 1927.

After the Bulletin was transferred to Alvarado, G. C. Fahm became editor. He sold the paper to F. B. Ballio in 1889, but again purchased the paper in 1892. In 1895 P. H. Pardue of Waxahachie became the owner. His sons, J. F. and C. F. took over the paper in 1909. Today Franklin Pardue, son of the late C. F. Pardue, publishes the paper.

Newspapers in operation in Johnson County at the present time include: Burlson News, owned by R. G. K. Deering; Venus Express, T. C. Lee; Grandview Tribune, Jack Hair; Alvarado Bulletin, Franklin Parude; and Cleburne Times-Review, William Rawland.



This air view of Burlson was made in the early 1900's. Two of the businesses shown are in the same location today and under the same management. They are: Rudd and Son Drug, shown at the right; and the Big Four Company, which is the oldest business in Burlson still in the same family and operated under the same name. This company was established around 1890 by the C. C. Taylor family.

The business house, Taylor Bros. of the Sam Taylor family, shown to the left, has been replaced by Farmers and Merchants State Bank, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in November of 1953.



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**CENTENNIAL POETRY
CONTEST WINNER**

Miss Yvette Reese of Route 4, Cleburne, won the \$10 cash prize offered by the historical program committee for the best poem concerning Johnson County's centennial.

The oldest of four girls, Yvette is a tenth grade student in Keene's public school and is a good student. The sixteen-year-old is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reese. Her father is the only registered piano technician in Johnson County, having his shop in Cleburne.

Writing poetry isn't the only interest Yvette has. She finds time to be an active participant in several sports and is interested in her piano playing. Having taken music only 3½ years she gave her intermediate recital in April. Rather quiet in nature, Yvette has reddish blond hair, brown eyes and olive complexion. She was born in Lubbock on March 15, 1938, and moved to Cleburne three and a half years ago. The family moved to its home near Keene about a year ago.

In preparation for writing her entry, Yvette read a complete history of Johnson County and talked with several pioneer settlers of the county. She outlined the events she wished to mention in her poem, saving the last two for pres-

THE JERSEY ISLE OF THE LONE STAR STATE

How strange it seems to us young moderns
That this country we call home
Was once a land of wild pioneering
Dense forests, Comanche Indians, and sandy loam.

Since the year young Henry Briden
And his lovely courageous bride
Built their cabin on the Nolan,
This county has made rapid stride.

Confederate Colonel M. T. Johnson,
In those olden days of yore
Was the seasoned, honored veteran,
Whose name the county bore.

"Who'll give four bits for an acre?"
Was the talk 'round each country store,
"Up the hills and down the valleys,
There's pastures and good hunting galore."

Others purchased lots and built there
In the largest town around,
With the only school and post office,
'Twas Alvarado—now renowned.

By the dozens came the wagons
And the settlements quickly grew;
Venus, Rio Vista, Godley, Cresson,
Cleburne, Burleson, Bono, Keene and Grandview.

In the latter years of the nineteenth century
To be exact, in eighty-one
The Santa Fe came to Johnson County
And Cleburne, a "round house," was to become.

One hundred years have passed so swiftly
And Johnson County now lays claim
To Dr. Wade H. Brown, Tris Speaker,
Two governors, and "Miss Texas," Paula Lane.

There's factories and schools and churches
Far too much to rightly relate;
I'm glad I live in Johnson County,
"The Jersey Isle" of the Lone Star State.

Yvette Reese
10th Grade
Keene Public School

ent day events.

Yvette's 36-line entry is entitled "The Jersey Isle of the Lone Star State" and is reprinted on this page along with her picture.

Honorable mention in the contest, which was limited to high school students of Johnson County,

was given three. They are: Miss Beverly Kay Jones, 15, of Cleburne, for her poem "Centennial Celebration;" Miss Gwendolyn Thomas, 17, of Grandview for "Johnson County;" and Jerry Hatfield, 15 of Cleburne for "Salute to the Pioneers."

Adventists Locate College At Keene In 1893

At a conference of Seventh-Day Adventists held in Dallas in the spring of 1893, a decision was made to locate a denominational school in Texas. A committee composed of Ben Woods, George Wood, J. C. Mosley, L. B. Wallen and W. S. Greer, was assigned the work of finding a suitable location.

After visiting several proposed areas the committee came to Johnson County to consider the possibilities of a site near Cleburne. Here they found 800 acres of thickly wooded land that could be purchased for \$8,840.

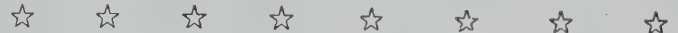
The sale was made and these same men gave their notes for the full price.

A 10 acre block of land, with streets on all four sides, was surveyed to become the campus of the future church school. One and one fourth acre lots adjoining the campus were laid out for building sites. The rest of the land was laid out in blocks of five and ten acres which were for sale to individuals.

A building in Dallas was torn



Southwestern Junior College at Keene has just opened a new and spacious girl's dormitory. The boys dormitory shown above has been in use several years, after fire wrecked a frame dormitory used by male students.



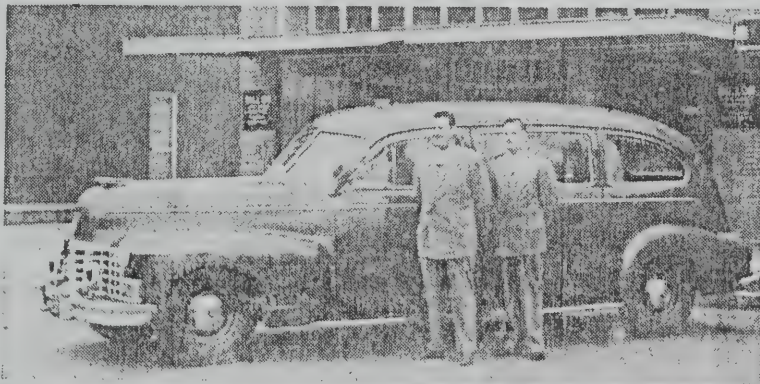
down, moved to the new location and rebuilt on the north side of the plot designated as the campus. This was the nucleus of the first SDA School plant in Texas.

School opened in the new building on Jan. 7, 1894 with 56 pupils in attendance. Of this original number some half dozen still reside in the community.

Several names were suggested for the new township but the

name of Keene was decided on by the U. S. Postal Department. Before the first school year was finished, it was found that the building was far too small. School was suspended for three days and with the help of students and faculty the original building was remodeled so that its capacity was doubled in size.

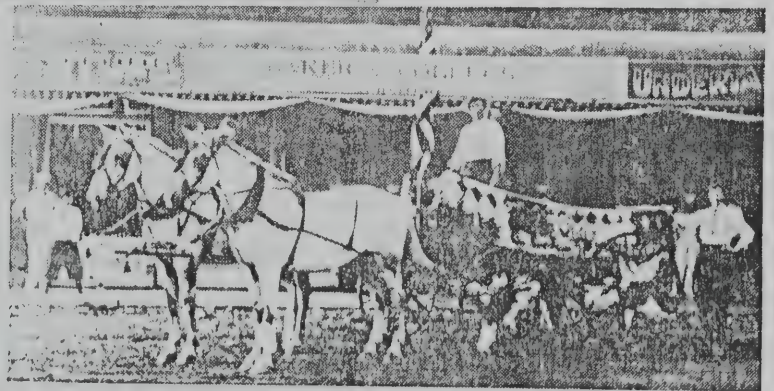
The first permanent building on the campus was erected during the



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summer of 1894. This building was known as "The Home." In it lived all the boarding students and some of the faculty.

Some years later, a dormitory for boys was built and "The Home" became North Hall for female students.

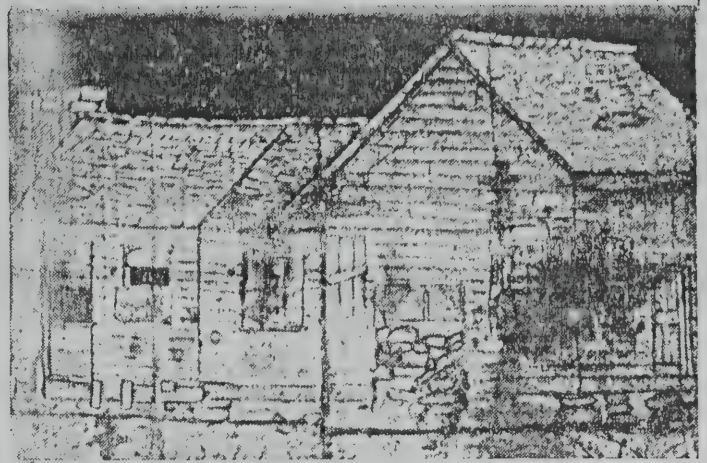
The first administration building was a four-story frame structure and was completed in 1895.

All the bricks used in foundations were made on the ground by the aid of student labor.

For many years the school was known as Keene Industrial Academy. Many Students paid their entire way through school by working in various industries operated by the school administration. Such things as tent making, broom making, manufacture of furniture, mill work, dairying, farming and printing offered lucrative employment to students.

In 1916 two years of college work were added and the name of the school changed to Southwestern Junior College. Today, students from many states and several foreign countries attend the school.

Misfortune, in the form of several bad fires have taken tremendous toll through the years



The oldest house in Johnson County, which was built by Samuel Myers in 1854, is pictured here. Myers is also credited with building the first school building in the county. It was located on the Myers 3,000-acre farm three miles north of Alvarado. This home was located on the same farm.

Myers was one of the first merchants of Johnson County, selling corn, oats and food stuffs to the early settlers.

The house was lived in until two years ago. Five years after the house was built, a young mother and her daughter were shot to death in the southwest room as they slept.

In 1921 the old administration building was burned at a great financial loss, but a large brick West Hall, the boys' dormitory

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was destroyed by a disastrous fire in 1944.

It too, was immediately replaced by a modern brick building.

The newest and most modern building of the college plant is the one completed in 1953, the new dormitory for girls.

As the church school has grown, so has grown the village of Keene for the life of one is practically identical with the other. People came to Keene to put their children in school and stayed on afterwards to make a permanent home in the community where the civic atmosphere was peaceful and attractive, until now Keene boasts a population of more than 1,100 people.

All through the years, Keene has had a good public school offering its students a standard course of study comparable with that of all other state schools of similar size and rank. Four teachers teach classes through junior high school in one of the most modern of the rural school buildings in the county.

Because of the immense load of mail from the mills and other industries as well as Southwestern Junior College, Keene has a second class post office.

In addition to the post office, Keene has a nice shopping center of several grocery stores and a soda fountain.

The village of Keene is the "metropolis" of the broom business for North Texas. Hundreds of dozens of brooms from its numerous broom shops are taken out each week to all parts of the State and adjoining states.

Another industry, employing some fifty or sixty men, is the Bascom Church Furniture Factory.

All civic affairs for Keene are under the direction of the Keene Town Council, whose officers are elected each year by the vote of the citizens.

Keene's one boast is its efficient and well equipped fire department manned entirely by volunteer firemen recruited from the student body, faculty members and the business men of the town.

A spur of Highway 67 forms the principal street in Keene and leads directly to the college campus entrance, where high above the main gate the Stars and Stripes float from a slender flag pole adding a note of patriotism and welcome to the peaceful little town.



Old Cleburne High School is shown here. Known to many as the Fulton building, the school was located on the block where the present high school stands. This building was replaced by Central Public School Building, which was opened in 1887 and burned in November of 1916.

Godley Solid With Livestock Income

E. G. Adams, operates the hardware store at Godley. He bought the business from Jess Crosier, father of Byron Crosier, Cleburne funeral home operator. Jess sold out because he was getting up in years.

Bud Harcastle and his wife operate a grocery store and lunch counter next door to Adams hardware. Bud is the son of Sam and knows a lot of Godley history, with which the Harcastle name is so closely linked.

Brock Bros. do a thriving feed business at Godley. The brothers are natives of the prairie town, known and respected by one and all. They know the needs of the dairymen and they cater to the dairy trade.

Luther Bell operates a grocery store and runs hound dogs at Godley. Luther is an oldtimer, too. He was once in the butcher shop business, back when all the steak two persons could eat was bought for a nickel or dime. If a person talked just right, Bell might sell his store. He says the grocery business keeps him "too close." He likes to get out at night and listen to the hounds run a fox, over the breaks.

Jake Jarnigan is doing right well with a combination drug and grocery store at Godley. He hasn't

been in business as long as some of the other's but he has been accepted by the townfolk and loves to vend merchandise.

Down the street, Iris Vickers keeps busy cleaning and pressing suits, dresses and suchlike for the gentry in and around Godley. Inez Patman, another native daughter, operates an up-to-date beauty parlor.

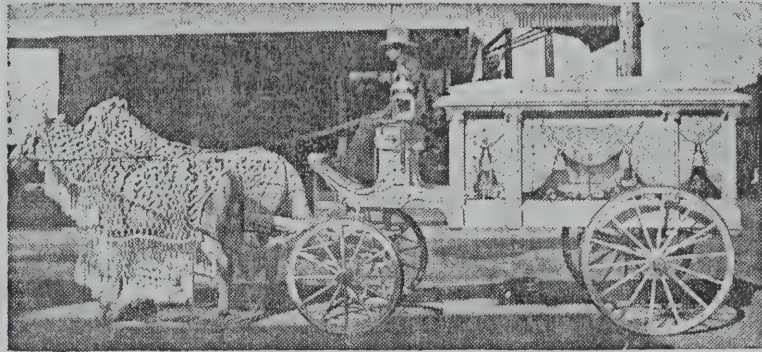
L. D. Garrett and Buster Needham are dealers for nationally-known brands of farm machinery. Godley folks say the partners are "settin' the woods afire."

Earl Smith, blacksmith, still does a good business in a rapidly fading profession. Oldtimers gather in the shade of his shop to spin yarns about the heyday of blacksmithing.

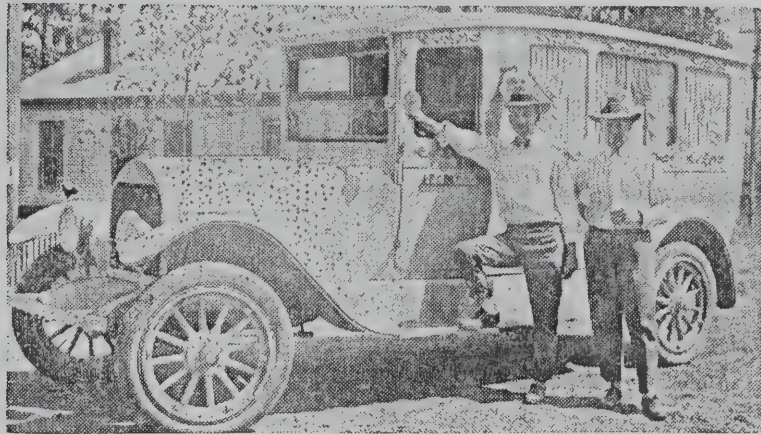
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. O'Neal operate a grocery store. O'Neal opened the first butcher shop in Godley. This was back about 1905. Later, the merchant bought grain.

J. L. Eberhart Jr., a former Cleburne man, operates another grocery and a modern frozen food locker plant. Eberhart says business is good, a little too good in fact. He works all day and half the night, to serve his many customers.

Mrs. Iva Nora Smith operates a cafe in the old Masonic building.



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