

A HISTORY OF
COVINGTON, GARFIELD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY

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FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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May it inform the children of tomorrow what the children of the past had to go through to build Garfield County from prairie sod to a productive region, through the foresight and faith of grandparents, parents, sons and daughters of that past generation.

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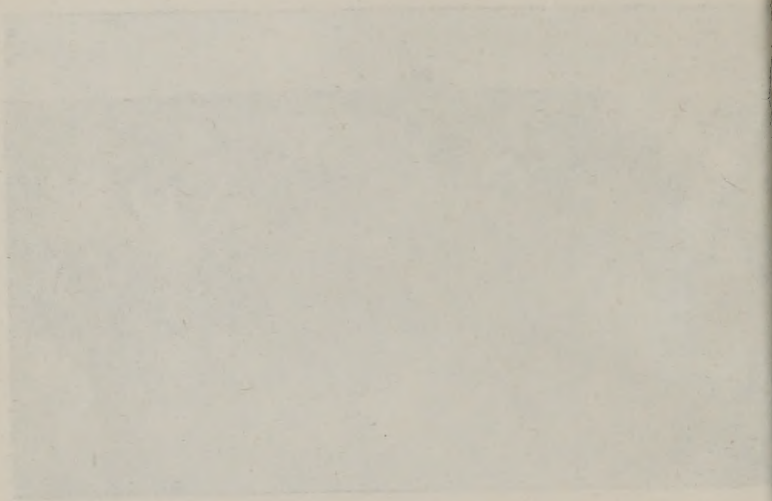
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Cherokee Strip tent of G. W. and Melitha Huntington
(Photo furnished by their son, J. H. Huntington)

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INTRODUCTION

The pioneers of the Cherokee Strip, settled upon their claims and proceeded in a matter of fact way to obtain a definite result by changing their prairie claims into fruitful farms. They accepted the conditions as they found them, and set about changing them in such ways as would best serve the purpose of making homes; and gave but little thought to the sentiment of pioneering a new land.

But the children of the time reveled in new discoveries and developments each day, and stored in memory many events that have been forgotten by their parents. One of these children is Fannie L. Eisele, daughter of Charles Gopfert; and as the impressions of childhood are more lasting than adult recollection, it is well that they be recorded in local history.

As the pioneers of southeastern Garfield County meet in their annual September reunion, it is noted that the Old Settlers are becoming fewer, and that younger hands are taking over as descendants of those families who first settled the undeveloped country.

The sons and daughters of pioneer families not only saw development of the Cherokee Strip from an expansive plain, covered by an endless sea of

grass, but with childish hands aided in the transformation of the region from a wilderness to a productive area. Proudly they went to school in sod houses, and learned the fundamentals of an education that has been an inspiration to their families and fellow men.

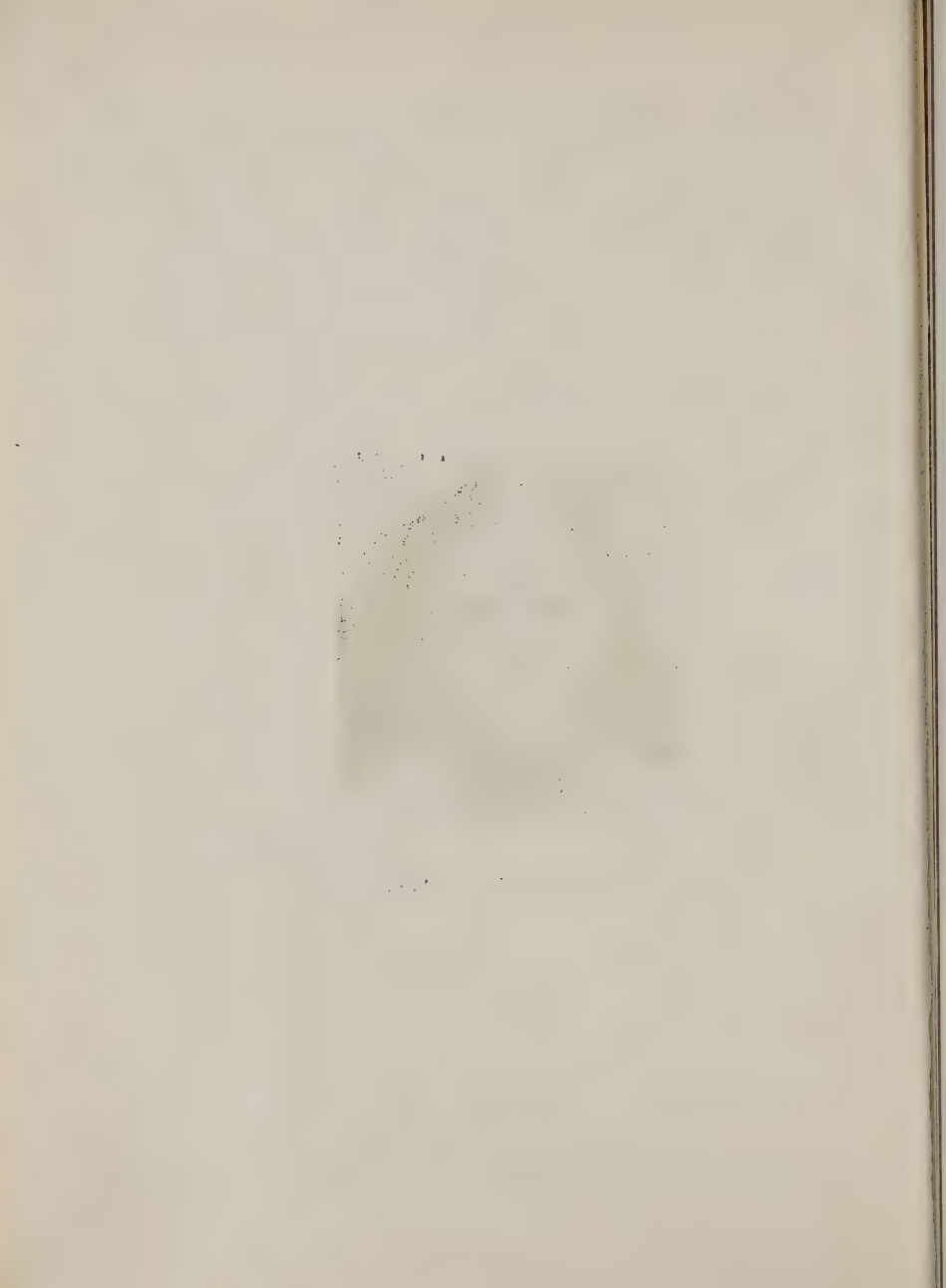
Mrs. Eisele grew to womanhood 2 miles West and 1-2 North of what is now the town of Covington, and is one of the outstanding pioneers of Garfield County; and her History of Covington and Surrounding Territory will help preserve and perpetuate many incidents connected with the pioneer settlement of bygone days.

It is is hoped that the authors' account will include the townships of Wood, Otter, Reed, and Marshall, for each of them contributed to local, Strip, and Oklahoma history: and I bespeak for her much information from the families of the old pioneers.

A. H. Ellis.



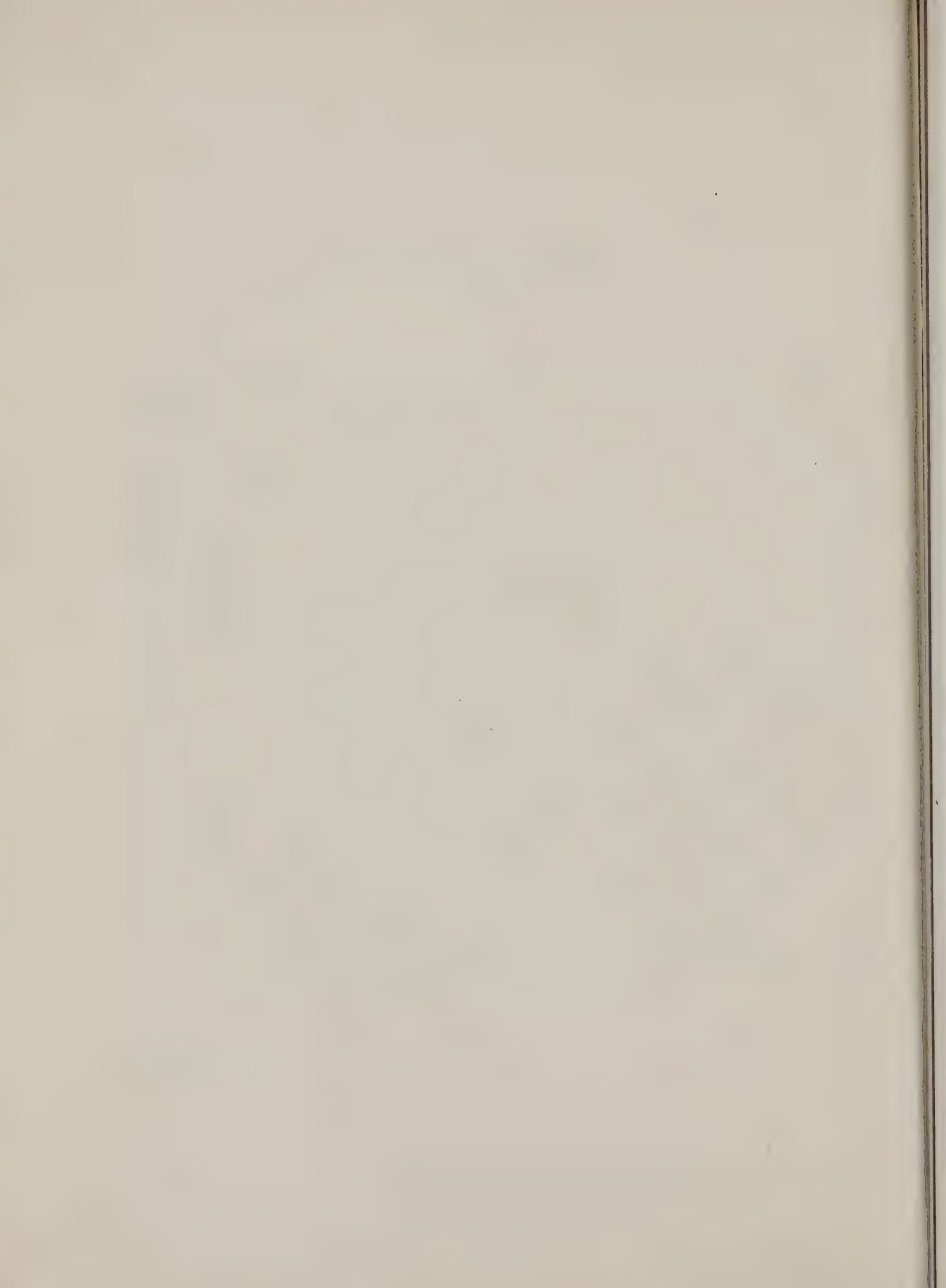
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P R E F A C E

To make this history of Covington and vicinity more interesting to you folks, I have tried to give you an account of the pioneer times and hardships as they were in the early days and the years that followed. If I have omitted anything that should have been included, or made any other mistake, I am sorry; but from memory of fifty years, numerous records and the the recollections of those whom I have consulted, I believe the account is correct. Some of you will remember names and places mentioned in these pages, and the different prices of the time and following years; and may you enjoy reading this account, as I have enjoyed writing it; and may Covington and surrounding towns and country be on the map for many more prosperous years to come.

THE AUTHOR

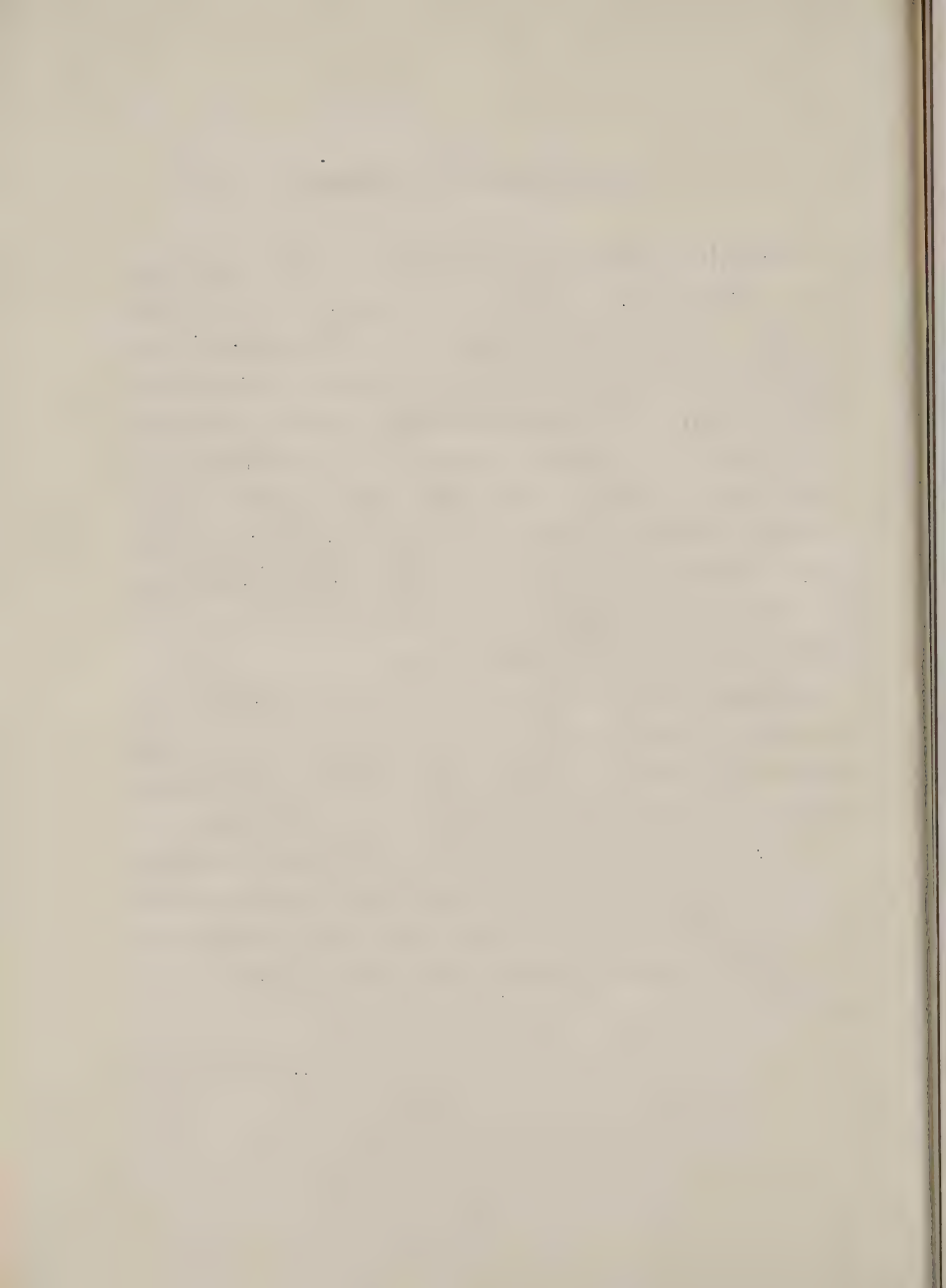


PUBLISHERS NOTE

Though relating only some of the pertinent facts about the Southeast corner of Garfield County since the opening of the Cherokee Strip, perhaps this book, from the authors voluminous manuscript, with some additions by the publisher and others, is at least a record of some things not otherwise in print, and adds that much to the written history of the "Okies" whose whole history, despite its faults and follies, is perhaps good as that of any people anywhere, and not to be "sneezed at" by anybody.

Such as "During the nearly 50 years since the opening of the Cherokee Strip" (page 12) is from manuscript written some years before publication, and should have been changed to 55 years —, but such oversight, together with any orthographic errors, will not change the meaning; and though publication has been delayed, with some help from an Irish sister, the job is done, and here it is.

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Sod house home of the G. W. Huntington family, near Goltry, Okla.

(Photo furnished by the son, J. H. Huntington)



Present home of Mr. & Mrs. Eisele, on S. W. of Sec. 9, Otter Twp., homesteaded by Mrs. Allen Downing.

WE COME

The Charles Gopfert family came to Oklahoma Territory in the fall of 1895, from Beattie, Marshall County Kansas. My father was a bricklayer and stone mason, and built railroad culverts. When the Strip opened, he couldn't go, because I was a very sick child, but the second fall after the 'run' he came to Enid, and then to Covington community, where he bought relinquishment of the N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 9, Twp. 21, Range 4 W. from the homesteader, Mr. Huff, for \$300,00.

Then father wrote home for us to pack up. He then came home and bought a team of horses, harness, oats, a wagon and canvas cover for it, and we soon started the trip to Oklahoma. It was slow traveling (about 20 miles a day) as we were loaded with a grub box, bedding, a dozen hens, household goods and everything we could get on the "prairie schooner", besides my canary bird that sang every evening when we camped. We cooked potatoes, bacon and coffee at camp fires built on the roadside, and at sunup each morning, were on our way again.

Folks along the way were very kind, and we got muskmelons, water and hay. In about 20 days,

we finally got to Garber, Okla., after climbing a very steep hill when we forded a creek near the Black Bear. We then came by fields of kaffir corn* until father stopped the team and said "Look, there is our new home in Oklahoma". We looked, but couldn't see anything except a sod house, 5 acres of plowed ground full of weeds, and a sod chicken house without a roof. We were expecting more, I guess, but we were tired of travel, and glad to get somewhere. Mother was very much worried, as it was a wild, desolate country, very different from where we had lived, and it took her longer to adapt herself, but we all worked together, and got used to our environment.

One day father said to me "Take the harness off the horses", and I did, but not knowing any better, I took the harness all apart to get them off, and father spent two hours putting the set together again. After a few days, we all went to cut kaffir for "Ike" Groom, and taking pay in grain, gave us feed for chickens and horses.

We dug into a hillside and covered the cavity with poles and bundles of kaffir as a stable for the

* A variety of African Durra, Indian Millet, Guinea Corn, Andropogon Sorghum.

team, and father got gyp (gypsum) and plastered the sod shanty inside, and tamped the dirt floor until it was hard, and we had a shelter warm in winter and cool in summer.

Rattlesnakes, blue racers and other serpents often came about the house, and water moccasin were along the streams. Centipedes, tarantula and other spiders, and sand fleas also liked to live in the one room "soddy" and we had to keep our eyes "peeled" for them, as fleas were annoying, and "centifeeds" and "trantlars" were sometimes "pizenos". There was also an abundance of grass and rock lizards, and horned (horney) toads that us children had a lot of fun with, and some kids had pet prarie dogs, (rodents that lived in burrowed "towns" infested with snakes and owls and that would cover acres of ground in time). Cotton-tail and jack rabbits were plentiful, and they were meat to eat. I used to hunt with my dog, and later I had a rifle to hunt with, and would often get six or eight for the chickens and us.

The prairie was all burned off when the first settlers staked claims, so of course there was only black ground for awhile, and as grass sprouted here and there, children had to herd the cows, of the families who had any, and drive them over

the burned prairie to water, and let them graze wherever they could find grass.

Water wells were dug, 40 to 50 feet deep, the mother and children helping; and after the first year, crops were better - Corn, cane, kaffir, black eyed peas, Cucumbers (cukes), musk and water melons, pie melons, citrons, gherkins, pomegranates, gourds (for water dippers), castor beans (our first cash crop - at 10 bushel per acre, and 50c a bushel). More land was broken until there was 40 to 60 acres of plowland on each quarter; and some was put in wheat, yielding 25 to 30 bushel per acre, and sold for 25c a bushel.

For awhile most of the "strippers" had no hogs or cows - just a team and a few chickens. They went to Crescent and Guthrie, in Old Oklahoma, for peaches, at 25c and less per bushel - I know father got a lower wagon box * full, and we dried them in the sun. Wild plums and currents were plentiful, and everybody gathered and used what they could - raw and made into butter, as we did not can fruit in those days, for our "sweetnin" was sorghum "lasses" not good for canning, and we could not afford white sugar at even 4 cents a pound.

* Or bed without sideboards

Our first postoffice was Luella, 5 miles N.W. of our place, and 4 miles, 3 miles and different miles from other homes - it took us 3 hours and 10 minutes to walk there and back. Most everybody went on Saturday to get their mail, a package of Lion or Arbuckle coffee, and swap news.

We hauled our firewood from around Crescent, and it took 3 days to cut and haul a load. Chinch bugs and grasshoppers were bad at times, and there was always a dry spell when crops needed rain. Wheat and oats were broadcast by hand the first few years; and kaffir was planted in hills with a sled on which there was a frame with a seat and gallon bucket attached, and a hand lever moved forward and back every time the horse stepped forward (which required a watchful eye on Dobbin's hind feet) or dropped from a bag tied around the planters' waist, into slits cut in the upturned sod with a spade (some of the better-to-do farmers had hand planters that were closed, jabbed into the sod, opened, and the seed dropped by an automatic trigger, then closed, pulled out, and moved to the next hill)

Quarter section farmers plowed with 3 to 6 horses, while half section fellows used twice that many, and hired 3 men at \$15.00 to \$20.00 per month, and board.

At first there were no school houses, and not much school. Ten to twenty pupils at a time in a little dugout. We used McGuffey readers. Teachers got \$25.00 a month.

We had church, sunday school, singing and literary at Elmdale, Otter Valley, Four Dee, Possum Hollow, Red Star, Bryan, Keystone and other school houses, and everywhere were taffy pulls (of sorghum candy) dancing, birthday parties, and Christmas trees, loaded with popcorn, striped candy, homemade rag dolls and such other gifts as could be obtained with scant means, and though parents wished they could do better, it didn't make so much difference to the children what they got, just so it was something.

Storm caves were built as a refuge from tornadoes and cyclones, and they were also used as storage for vegetables and canned fruit (when we later had sugar). Cellars were dug 6 feet deep, sometimes lined with cottonwood boards, and the top covered with boards and dirt.

Enid and Perry were the nearest towns until Douglas, Fairmont, Garber, Hayward and Marshall sprang up around us, and the various communities were drawn to those centers.

For awhile farmers exchanged wheat for flour, meal and bran, at Crescent and Hennessey mills; and had cane made into sorghum at the several mills on various farms. For winter use, cabbage was put upside down in a furrow and covered with dirt, while turnips and potatoes were piled in dirt mounds and covered with straw, and pie melons would keep in any shade until made into butter.

But the first few years were hard on us - little little money, and little help to be had, except that J. F. Cockrel, Huston James, Geo. P. Rush, Jas. W. Steen, and other Enid lawyers, would wait for their fees; and Buttery's grocery, Deshamer Dry Goods, Orvil & Walter Frantz, Gensman Bros., Herzberg, Frank & Grand Hodgen, Kennedy Bros., Meebergen Clothing, Weems Grocery & Hotel, Pat Wilcox, Watrus & Harley and Gray's Drugs, Luft Harness Shop, Edmond Frantz Brick Yard, W. D. Frantz Wagon Yard, M. J. Frantz Real Estate (all in Enid) and M. C. Garber's Store of Garber, and others, had faith enough in most of the settlers to advance them some supplies until crops were raised: for then a debtors' word was a seldom violated bond; and the plucky pioneers preferred payable debt to any kind of public or private dole.

After the sod plow, the first stirring plows were single furrow walking moldboards, followed by single and gang moldboard sulkies, then by sulkies with one big disk that raised obscuring clouds of dust as it slowly bumped along and turned the dry stubble ground in clods and chunks; and the disks were followed by tractor drawn moldboards with stoodited shares, for longer wear.

Wheat and oats were cut and bound with side draft and push binders *, but later harvested with headers, which gave way to tractor combines that reap and thresh. Headers were pushed by six horses, three on each side of the tongue, in quarter day shifts of twelve horses, two barges alternately pulled alongside with another team to each, to catch the cut off heads and haul them to stacks for threshing later on. The harvest crew usually consisted of one machine operator, and two barge drivers, who also pitched the grain to two stackers.

Threshing machines were steam outfits that went from farm to farm, soon after harvest for shock threshing, and in the fall for stack work.

* Both kinds supported on rolling kegs when fields were too muddy for the bullwheel to hold the machine up.

The crew for stack threshing usually consisted of an engineer, seperator tender, water hauler (for the engine) 4 bundle pitchers, 2 to 4 band cutters and 2 alternate feeders (before self feeders came) 2 to 4 grain haulers, 2 to 3 straw stackers (before seperators had blowers) and a "water monkey"* to carry water to the hands; and shock threshing took the same force, except there were 4 to 6 field pitchers and 4 to 6 bundle hauler-pitchers instead of stack pitchers.

It took a lot of cooking for the harvesters and threshers, during the 4 to 8 weeks they worked, but the farm women helped each other, and most of them could really cook - coffee, biscuit, corn bread, ham, sausage, fried chicken, vegetables, fruits, cakes, pies, and other gastromic delights; until later on, threshers had cook shacks along and fed their own crews; until combines came into use.

* No one ever knew when or where it was supposed to have occured, but prevarication had it that one time a seperator tender got so mad at a water boy he threw him in the seperator, where he was quickly seperated, and that the furious crew then grabbed the tender, dragged him to the engine and stuffed him into the red hot firebox.

Wind, hail and rain * would sometimes ruin an area of wheat at or near cutting time, or scatter shocked grain all over fields, and even damage stacks of sheaf or headed grain, and blow haystacks clear away; and in spring and fall would come dust storms that hid the sun and drifted into houses and victuals; and when the plains were less broken with fields and roads, prairie fires were fought with backfires, plowed fireguards and wet sacks, and many eyebrows were singed.

When there were no fences, tumbleweeds would roll for miles, and with a day-after-day southing southwest wind, some of them must have rolled clear to Kansas; and the tumblers, broom weeds (out of which we made sod house sweepers) and mule tail and other weeds, were a nuisance for pitchforks and "elbow grease" to clean up and burn.

Chinch bugs (*blissus leucopterus*) were also a pest that sometimes ruined fields of corn, kaffir, cane, and wheat; but castor beans were immune to insects, and could stand burning hot winds.

*Jupiter Pluvius was not always confined to a down-pour of water, for in the spring of 1898 during and after a deluge of "rain upon the roof" the roads and fields were so covered with frogs that horses could not walk without stepping on them.

Chinch bug harm was not confined to growing crops, for one time hungry hens ate so many of the "chinchers" their eggs tasted like the stinkers, and the price dropped from 4c to 2c per dozen; and merchants bought them at half price only to help their customers get salt and such.

Grasshoppers and crickets were also pestiferous at times - the hoppers preferring growing corn, and the crickets making a specialty of cutting twine around sheaves of grain, and falling into water wells; from which big blue-black centipedes were also sometimes drawn.

In 1895 I and others of the family homesteaded claims in Texas (then part of Beaver) County, where I had to haul water from the Two Circle ranch, four miles away * until neighbor Chappe drilled a well, and I moved from the middle of my quarter to a corner just across the road from the precious liquid. After teaching subscription school, working in a store, postoffice and printing shop, in addition to farming; Feb. 2, 1909 I married Earnest Eisele, who owned and lived on a relin-

* Bnt a Mrs. Collier raised four families of children without having any of her own.

quishment 7 miles away (and could often see a mirage of the windmill I then had) and we later sold both farms and moved near Covington.

During the nearly 50 years since the opening of the Cherokee Strip, the inhabitants have gone, for better or worse, from the sod plow and scythe, to the tractor and combine; from blackeyed peas and boiled kaffir, to Belshazzar feasts; from muzzle loading shot gun, to atomic bomb; from carbuncles to polio; from 'rags to riches'; from sunbonnets and cotton stockings, to bird-nest hats and rayon hose; from blackjack wood to butane gas; from safe travel on dirt roads, to paved highway peril; from horse and buggy, to airplane and auto; from kerosene lamps, to electric lights; from less to more crime; from low to high taxes; from little to much waste of public and private funds; from "rugged individualism" toward government control; from peace, toward another war; and so on ad infinitum: until "no man knoweth" what will be within another fifty years, and we can be sure only that "What is to be, will be" but everyone can help shape the next half-century for weal or woe.



Pioneer Thresher

(Photo furnished by J. H. Huntington, Covington, Okla.)



Kansas thresher and crew, including Mr Eisele,
in 1910

EARLY SETTLERS

Those who came to the Strip a year or so after the opening, were relatively late comers, and not then old settlers compared to those who first arrived, but compared to the time that has since elapsed, they were quite early; and though not complete, so far as possible from available records and the memory of the author and other old settlers, the following list includes most of those who first filed on claims (including "sooners" * - for they had to file too) and those who later acquired through relinquishment, % whether they commuted ¶ or got free homes; and of course the families of those who took land were also early settlers.

* A few who came in before the run and located claims sooner than was lawful.

% Relinquishment did not of itself pass any title, for the relinquisher merely relinquished his homestead claim back to the United States, and the relinquishee then filed on the land as a homesteader.

¶ Homesteaders were to live on the land 5 years from the time they filed (whether at the opening or later) then prove up and pay within 7 years (later extended to 10) from the time of filing, and such proving up after five years and before passage of the Flynn free homes law, June 17, 1900, was known as commutation because the homesteader thus lessened the time the land was just a claim (free from taxation) - and enabled the moneyless man to mortgage or sell.

MARSHALL TOWNSHIP ¶

Ed. Adams, W. O. Adams, John Atkins:

Mose Baker, John Behimer, Elij. Bennett,
Chas. Boardman, Alb't Brathwaite, H. L. Brath-
waite, A. B. Brown, John Bryant, Mrs. Buell, M.
E. Bundy, Tho's Burns, Fred Burri:

Dire Canady, Tobias Capper, W. A. Cawood,
Alb't Claunch, Jas. Claunch, John Collins:

R. M. Daniels, % Ed. Dawson, J. J. Dawson,
— Dutro:

W. D. Elgin, A. H. Ellis, Martha Estes:

Carl H. Fink, Geo; Franks:

Jim Gabbard, Lucy Gerard, L. D. Groom.

¶ In Garfield County, two congressional townships were until 1897 one municipal township, with a board appointed by the County Commissioners, and composed of a Trustee, Clerk, Treasurer, and two Justices of the Peace: and Marshall and Reed were then Marshall - named after the town of Marshall. (q. v.)

% Mr. Daniels had the first sorghum mill in Marshall Twp. He could not read or write, but was an expert sorghum maker: and could tell time almost to the minute at any time of day or night.

Helen Haber, Otto Haber, Bob Hall, Elmer Hayward, W. C. Hebby, W. J. Hinson, Walter Holbrook, — Hollinger, J.H. Hosfield, W. B. Hotson, John Huffman: Geo. Jones: John Keowan, Fred Knopfel, Abe Koch, Del. Koch: Miss. LeGrant, Henry Lite, John Lubber: Geo. Major, Emmett Malone, G. R. Malone, Emma Marion, Isaac Marion, A. C. Martin, H. L. McAfee, Lula McArdle, Remus McArdle, Geo. McKean, Myrtle McKean, Louis Miles, Frank Miller, Isaac Miller, Matt. Millring, Rich Mitchell, Mart Mitchell, Ferg Mitchell, Aug. Moelling, E. Murdock, Ernest Myer, Geo. Myers: Amos Pinnix, — Phillips, J. W. Pollock, Louis Peebler: Wm. P. Quinn: Gottolb Schultz, W. Seibert, C. A. Seaman, Alta Shaffer, Albert Sharp, T C. Sharp, R. D. Sharp, Louis Smith, Amos Stanton, Wm. Starkey, Miss. Stewart, Jas. Strickler, W. F. Strode: W. H. Taylor, Bud Tellis, S. A. Thornbrue: Mary Vaughn, Jas. Watson, Mun Webb, "Bud" Wilder, W. H. Wilson, — World: Geo. Zelle, Vol. Zoellner.

(A. B. Brown relates that Old Oklahoma was opened to free home settlement under a law enacted by a Cleveland Democrat Congress, but the opening proclamation was issued by his successor, Republican President Harrison, and the Rep's got the credit for free homes. Then the Harrison Republican Congress passed the law opening the Strip, to be paid for, but the opening proclamation was made by the re-elected Cleveland, and the Demo's were blamed for the cost.)

OTTER TOWNSHIP ¶

E. M. Atkinson, J. M. Bateman, Geo. Beeby, Chris. Boeple, Fred Boeple, Jas. Brown, Nancy Brown, J. Berholtz, E. E. Branon, W. G. Bush, John Butcher: J. W. Castro, Hy. Christian, E. D. Clodfelter, Cath. Coleman, Jno. H. Covington, Geo. W. Creamer, John Cutter, Nathan Cutter: Edw'd Davis, Jas. Dawson, Dave Denner, Dar. Diemer, J. A. Disney, J. A. Dougherty, L. J. Dougherty, Mary Dougherty, Minnie Dougherty, W. H. Dougherty, S. J. Downing, Wm. A. Downing, Geo. L. Dunsworth: Chas. Fegar, Homer Fitzgerald, Thos. Fitzgerald, Ruben Forbes, Burton A. Garber, M. C. Garber, S. A. Garber, Frank Gardner, J. H. Geyer, John Geyer, Geo. Gibson, S. T. Goltry, Chas. Gopfert, Frank Groom, Issac Groom. Thos. Groom: Bob Hall, Jno. Hammer, Wm. Hammond, A. S. Hamond, Audra Harmon, Thos. H. Hempstone, M. C. Herrington, Jas. D. Hooting, Chas. F. Hubbard, W T Hubbarb, J. A. Hudson, Julius Huepplesheuser, Bert T. Huff, Jas. B. Hunt, E. A. Hutchinson: Simon Ireys, Jas. Iwinski: E. V. Jayne, Jessie Jayne: Jacob Koonz, — Kuntz: R. W. Lehman. Anna Lsser, Elsa K. Lesser, Geo. Lesser, Walter Lesser, L. H.

¶ Namesake of Otter Creek.

Losche, Aug. Lesteco, H. Y. Lihrs, M. Lizer, J.
M. Mahan, O. E. Marinta, Collis McArdle, Walter
McCoy, Arthur McGee, Ed. McPherson,
Hershel McPherson, J. H. Miller, Jno. L. Miller,
Aug. W. North, Wm. Overdick, Wm. A.
Perrin, C. D. Peters, Otto Pfeffer, Sam Poindex-
ter, Wm. Quitheast, Ira Riley, J. A. Riley,
Jas. Ryan, A. T. Sandusky, Jno. F. Schultz,
W. H. Shaner, Alb't Shedrick, Rob't Shedrick,
John Schultz, August Snider, Louis Snider,
Eliza Spencer, R. W. Spencer, Hans. Stotten-
burg, Fred Stratton, W. H. Tays, Chas.
Tiger, M. B. Tope, J. A. Trower, Benton
Walker, Etta Walker, Elmer Way, Grant
Williams, Ed. Wirtz, A. F. Wolf, Jno. F. Wolf.

REED TOWNSHIP ¶

Geo. Beeby, Geo. Bell, Elij. Bennett, John H. Brandt, A. L. Brown, A. E. Burgist, Mat. Burns, J. E. Burton, Jesse Butts: Isaac Cambell, L. C. Carson, Mary J. Christian, John Clark, John R. Cline, C. D. Conklin, Clem. Conner, O. J. Conner, Anna Cooper, C. S. Cooper, C. R. Cromer, Roy Cromer: Jas. Danner, A. L. Davidson, Anna Davies, Jno. Dawson, C. W. DeBoard, Ellen Donahue, Francis Downing: Steven Eaton, Clay Everhard: D. Friend, Weston Fry: Pauline Gibson, Sarah Gibson, J. H. Gold-
rope. C. H. Grassman: Nancy Haas, Roy Hammer, Alb't Haven, Ben Holding, F. Howell, V. Howell, Carl Humphrey: G. H. James: Alb't E. Kime, John Kraft: Emil LaCon Anna Lafferty, Chas. Lerslekew, Jas. H. Lewis W. J. Lite, Darius Loom, David Loom, W. L. Looman: Hesson Maxey, Newton Maxey, C. M. McArdle, L. McArdle, R. A. McArdle, Ed. McKean, Geo. H. Mckean, Jno. McMahan, Henry Meeks, Ada Mize, Ada Mouldin, C. C.

¶ After Tom Reed, speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Murphy, S. W. Murphy: Jas. S. Neal: C. W. Patterson, Jno. Phares, W. E. Phares, Granville Prince: Geo. Reed, Jas. Reynolds, M. Rhodes, S. L. Rhodes, Peter Riley, Florence Robertson, Mary Ryan: Harrison Sayer, J. Schull, Jas. Shanks, Sheridan Shanks, W. M. Shanks, Wm. Sitton, George Shores, Grant Shores, L. R. Smith, Thos. J. Smith, Peter Stewart, Geo. A. Traver: Jno. W. Wadkins, Jas. Weldon, Thos. White, W. S. Whitnack, Ira A. Williams, W. M. Wilson, Jno. L. Wolf, Wm. Wolf: Wm. York.

WOOD TOWNSHIP ¶

J. B. Abrams, John Adkins: Chas. P. Banks, W. H. Billups, D. F. Bittle, B. H. Bittle, Dave Boggs, Mattie Boston, J. H. Bowman, W. T. Brady, Mellie Brown, F. E. Burk, A. R. Butts, Bill Butts, Mary Butts: Alec Cain, George T. Clack, Heyden Clack, Tom Clack, Jas. Cook, W. T. Cowell, Laura Cruze, Enos Culbertson, J. L. Curlee, J. L. Curtis: Ed. Davenport, Mertie Davis, — Derrington, Ben Dix, Issac Donaho, Emma Dover, F. A. Dunbar, Louis Dunn: Jas. Edgar: Chas. Fegar, Fred Fisher, John Fisher, E. E. Forshee: Jessie Gamble, W. M. Gamble, W. J. Ganston, G. W. Garner, Palmer Gibbs, U. G. Goe, Matt Gold, Fred Goldsberry: Alphon Heise Max Heise, John Helling, — Hessman, J. A. Hodges, Walter Holbrook, Geo. Hougland, Lon Hunt, Gustave Huepplesheuser, Winget Hynek: F. B. Jack, Chas. Jackson, Lum Jayne, H. C. Jayne, H. A. Jitley, Frank Johnson, W. F. Judson: Silas R. Keen, J. W. Keltner, John Kirkpatrick, John Kring, Laura Kring: — LaRue, Jno. Landers, Milton

¶ After Sam Wood of Kansas.

Leafgreen, Orvill LeGrant, Henry Lewis, Peter Lichle, H. A. Lilly: H. L. McAfee, Herman Miesner, Ed. Miller, — Mitchell, Ida Moore, S. B. Moore, John Moriarty: Ed. Ogle, Chas. Osburn, J. W. Packard, C. M. Page, Sarah Page, Laura Patterson, C. P. Philbrow: Scott Rather, J. W. Rich, Chas. Richey, Kate Ring, A. C. Rogers: Wm. B. Sample, Henry Shoemaker, J. W. Smith, John Smitz, G. L. Snodgrass, Ed. M. Stanley, Thos. Stanley, C. M. Stotts, J. B. Stout, Chas. Stratton, Fred Stratton, Jabez Stratton, Wm. A. Stratton, Aug. Summers: Clate Thompson, Jas. Tobin: Enos Vaughn Alb't Whiteside, Louis Windler, Ed. Wirtz, Geo. Wiseman: H. D. Yost, Trever Yost: Herman Zochel.

NOTE: Because of the estimated difference in values, homesteaders were to pay \$1.00 per acre for Strip land West of Lat. $98^{\circ} 30' W.$, \$1.50 for land between Lat. $98^{\circ} 30' W.$ and Lat. $97^{\circ} 30' W.$ (the west line of Sections 2, 11, 14, 23, 26, 35 in Blaine, Grant, Olive, Wood and Marshall townships of Garfield Co.) and \$2 00 for all East of Lat. $97^{\circ} 30' W.$: and perhaps if there was now any vacant Strip land, it could still be taken; or under the residence requirement referred to in footnote ¶ page 15, a homestead could have been relinquished from one claimant to another until it was not yet proved up, and the process might go on forever, for if each successive claimant relinquished within each successive five years, there would never be a required five year residence by anyone.



**Early Day Thresher on the Chas. Gopfert Farm
(Author in foreground, barefoot and wearing sunbonnet)**



Cook Shack and Threshing Crew
(with machine on opposit page)

PLAT OF
COVINGTON,
OKLAHOMA

North

S. E. 1-4 Sec. 11

S. W. 1-4 Sec. 12

H ST.	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	7	6	5	4
G ST.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11
F ST.	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	21	20	19	18
E ST.	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25
D ST.	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	35	34	33	32
C ST.	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	36	37	38	39
B ST.	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	49	48	47	46
A ST.											

Frisco	Oklahoma	Garfield	Govington	1st. - Hwy. 64	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth
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COVINGTON

When the Frisco railroad was being built through Garfield County from Tulsa to Avard, the S. E. 1-4 of Sec. 11, Otter Twp. (homesteaded by Thomas A. Starrett, and by him mortgaged to the Deming Investment Co., Oct. 28, 1898, for \$300.00, and on the same date mortgaged by him to F. E. Dent for \$54.00, and a 100 ft. right of way conveyed by Starrett to the Arkansas Valley & Western Railway Co.,* Aug. 23, 1902, for \$150.00) except the R. R. right of way, was sold by Starrett Oct. 24, 1902, for \$4,000.00, to the Arkansas Valley Townsite Co. and by that company platted for a townsite, Jan. 31, 1903.

When called on for help, some farmers, including Chas. Gopfert, Lum Jayne, Otto Peffer and others, met in a one room school house a mile West of the townsite to raise additional funds, and when they still lacked \$100.00 of having enough,

* The company did not build the railroad that was supposed to run from Arkansas to Enid, but when the survey was made, the N. W. quarter of Sec. 24, Marshall Twp. was designated as a townsite that seems to have never been platted or named.

that amount was given by John H. Covington ¶ and the town was named after him.

After selling a few lots, the Arkansas Valley Townsite Co. (by C. G. Jones, Pres., and G. W. Carrico, Sec'y) conveyed the remainder of the townsite to A. F. Wolf (by deed notarized by John Holzapfel, in Oklahoma Co.) Oct. 8, 1904, for \$5,000.00: and March 31, 1905, Wolf and his wife, Ila B., conveyed the same (by deed acknowledged in Arkansas *) to the Frisco Lot and Land Co.. (the promoters of East Covington) for \$50,000.00.

July 20, 1905, the Frisco Lot & Land Co. (A. F. Wolf, Pres., Richard Geiger, Sec'y) transferred the same to H. H. Ogden, G. H. Hamilton, and Lewis M. Puffer, trustees, for \$1.00 and other consideration: and after the trustees sold Lot 17, Blk. 23 to J. E. Fulmer and H. T. Smith (for \$30.00) and Lot 16, Bl'k 23 to Angeline B. Searl (who sold to

¶The Covington family came from Springfield, Ill., and homesteaded the N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 23, a mile South of town. Mr. and Mrs. Covington returned to Springfield, where they died, and were laid to rest in the Covington cemetery.

*Pronounced Arkansaw by act of the Arkansas legislature of 1881. (Ellis - Land and Titles)

G. N. Kneeland, for \$1.00 in 1918) and some other sales, most of the lots in Covington (East and West Covington) were sold to O. A. Brewer, Aug. 1914, for taxes due for the years 1906, '07, '08, '09, '10; and Sept. 1914, Brewer quit claimed half of his interest to G. N. Kneeland and John H. Couch.

April 29 1916, O. A. Brewer, C. E. Brewer, G. N. Kneeland, J. H. Couch and C. D. Peters, sold their holdings in Covington, East and West Covington, to Elmer D. Immel, for \$25,000.00, and took a mortgage on the land for payment, which mortgage was foreclosed, and the land sold to G. N. Kneeland, in a suit further referred to under East Covington.

Nov. 17, 1917, Kneeland sold an undivided half interest to O. A. Brewer, and a one fourth interest to J. H. Couch (by one deed, for \$1.00) and after these and other transfers (some of them more devious than devout) the townsite passed from the promoters to other hands.

EAST COVINGTON:- on the S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 12, Otter township (homesteaded by Preston L. Wilson, and in 1904 deeded, in Daviess County, Mo., by Mr. Wilson and his wife, Carrie E., to A. F. Wolf, for \$8,000.00) was platted as a town-site for Mr. Wolf, Jan. 23, 1905. Then, July 17, of the same year, Wolf and his wife, Ila B., sold the land, and most of Covington (deed executed in Ark.) to the Frisco Lot & Land Co., for \$50,000.00.

As President of the Frisco Lot & Land Co., Mr. Wolf then deeded the tract to H. H. Ogden, G. H. Hamilton and Lewis M. Puffer, as trustees for the Frisco Co., for "\$1.00 and other valuable consideration" July 30, 1905: and Aug. 21, 1905, the trustees conveyed the property to James M. Newton, for \$240.00, by deed executed in Vanderburgh County, Indiana.

Aug. 14 & 15, 1914 most of East Covington, Covington and West Covington, were sold to O. A. Brewer for delinquent taxes of the years 1906, '07, '08, '09.

Sept. 26, 1914, Mr. Brewer quit claimed an undivide half interest in some lots to Kneeland and Couch: and Nov. 16, 1914, Brewer, Kneeland and Couch got all of East Covington vacated except blocks 7, 8, 9, 21 48 and 49

July 12, 1915, Brewer sold his half interest in the vacated part of the quarter section to O. E. Brewer

April 29, 1916. the Brewers, Kneeland, Couch and C. D. Peters, sold the quarter, except the six un-vacated blocks, together with the vacated West Covington, and some lots in Covington, to Elmer D. Immel, for \$25,000.00, and took a mortgage for the amount. The mortgage was foreclosed Aug. 21, 1916, and the land sold at sheriff's sale, to G. N. Kneeland for \$7,500.00.

Sept 1, 1916, Kneeland and wife, Martha E. mortgaged the land to the First National Bank of Enid for \$1,300.00, and the mortgage was paid Sept. 29, 1917.

¶Most of East Covington had been sold at the lot sale further mentioned in a following chapter, and tho' most of the owners had lost title through the tax sale of 1914, all known owners and former owners were made defendants in the foreclosure suit, and thus the plaintiffs sued the mortgagor and some 800 other persons, scattered over Ark., Calif., Fla., Ind., Iowa, Ill., Kan., Ky., Mo., Miss., N. C., Ohio, S. C., S. D., and Texas - including some 300 in Indiana and about 200 in Illinois

Sept. 27, 1916, Kneeland quit claimed to John H. Couch, for \$1.00 and other consideration; and Oct. 7, 1916 Couch quit claimed half of his interest to Chas. E. Brewer, for \$1.00 and other; and Mar. 31, 1917, Couch quit claimed a 1-4 interest to G. N. Kneeland, for \$1.00 etc.

Jan. 24, 1919, Puffer quit claimed to Kneeland; and Mar. 18, 1919, Chas. E. Brewer quit claimed a 1-2 interest in what had been, and afterward again became blocks 5, 10, 19, 24, 33, 38 and 47, to O. A. Brewer.

June 11, 1917, O. A. Brewer, Couch and Kneeland, had blocks 6, 20, 22, 23, 34, 35, 36, and 37, re-platted and re-included in East Covington; then, and April 5, 1919, blocks 5, 10, 19, 24, 33, 38 and 47 were re-platted, as also were blocks 4, 11, 18, 52, 32, 39, and 46, June 10, 1920; leaving three rows of blocks on the East side of the quarter that are not re-included in the townsite.

And thus, together with other prior and subsequent acts and deeds by the manipulators, (some of whom could neither stay in or out) and by others, East Covington finally survived all attacks of infantile paralysis, and became a well populated residence and business part of the town.

WEST COVINGTON;- on the S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 11, Otter township, homesteaded by Miss. — Thompson, was platted for a townsite by A. F. Wolf,* July 17. 1905, and like Covington and East Covington, (q.v.) passed to the Frisco lot and Land Co., and was mortgaged, sold for taxes, and jockeyed around with Covington and East Covington, until the addition was finally vacated.

(Just before Covington was platted, an effort was made to establish the proposed town of Wheatland on or about the S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 19, Wood Twp., apparently on the right of way of the A. V. & W. (footnote page 29) but the Frisco R. R. that came through on part of the A.V. & W. and missed the intended metropolis, was a green bug that destroyed the Wheatland dream soon after it sprouted. Then some of the promoters seem to have tried to start a town on the Frisco R. R., on the S. W. of 18. Wood Twp., but the location was abandoned when the Covington site was chosen.)

* It seems that Wolf was from Fayetteville, Ark., the Brewers and Kneland from Enid, Couch and Immel from Helena, and most of the other promoters were from somewhere, and some of them or somebody also started Greenup, which according to former nearby residents, Ida Walker and Arthur Rowe, now of Covington, was occupied by a tool house, on the Frisco, in Pawnee County, and Tom Clack, a Covington pioneer, says Greenup lots were sold at the Covington lot sale; but the place soon dried up or blew up instead of greening up.



Homestead residence of Mr, & Mrs. John Schmitz,
S. W. of 7, Wood Twp.



**Pioneer Covered Wagon
(Prairie Schooner)**



Chris. Kiser & Sons Header

LOT SALE

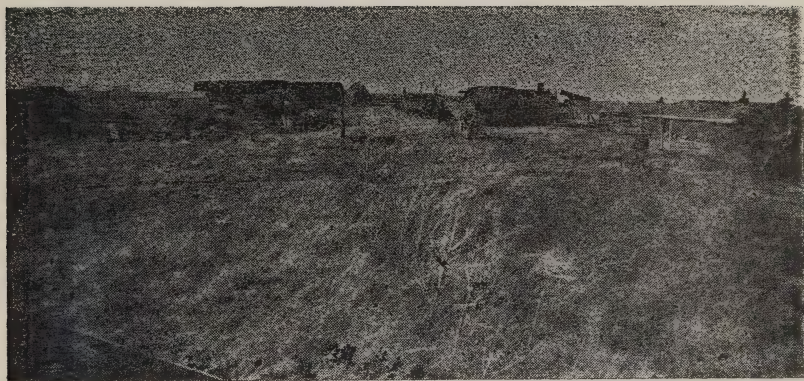
An auction sale * of lots in Covington, East Covington and West Covington, October, 1905, was attended by some 4,000 persons from "here, there and yonder" and some residence lots sold for as much as \$50.00, and business lots up to \$100.00 ¶. Meals were served at the Peffer Hotel, at from 25c to 50c, under the supervision of Lena Peffer, with the help of Augusta Schroder, Josie and Gus Huepplesheuser, Gertie Rider, Ida Gopfert, the author and others, and when the cook refused to fry, boil, bake and roast more bacon, eggs, potatoes, gravies, soups, coffee, cabbage, beans, hams, cakes, pies, and 'forty 'leven' other meats, vegetables and pastries, at night, after a long day's work, Mrs Peffer rattled skillets, pots and pans until the last hungry customer was filled to the chin.

* There was also a drawing of some lots that were sold to out-of-towners who, as the story goes, said they had bought on the promoters claim that Covington was the only town in Garfield County, but when the gypees found Enid, they returned with a long, strong rope, looking for the alleged cheater, who evaded them by going fast and far away.

The Peffer Hotel was on the S. E. Corner of Block 31 (at C & 4th), C. J. Fortney had the livery stable on 3rd St. between B & C, and Wes. Lunger ran a dray. The Rothrock restruant, on the South side of C St. and midway between 5th & 6th, also served meals, but sleeping quarters were scarce, and some of the guest had to snooze out where, though each buyer owned only about one one-trillionth of half the land area of the earth, and bats and owls were the only nocturnal songsters, like the Contented Beggar, they could somewhat say,

“The world’s my home, the ground my bed,
The sky a coverlet o’er my head;
And the sweetest music man e’er heard,
Is mine from silver noted bird.”

¶ Most of the investors who thus virtually bought nothing for something, never paid succeeding taxes, and the lots were sold for taxes (c. f, page 31) but perhaps their trip to Oklahoma was worth the cost, for it gave them local prominenee when they returned to their homes, where they could tell of such as narrow escapes from pursuing coyotes, and of snakes 15 feet long and big around as a 6 inch stovepipe: and though some wives may have had to do without new hats, maybe they were willing to wear old top knots be rid of their spouses for awhile.



Homestead of R. K. Wilson, father of Olive Wilson Hyde, of Covington, taken near Enid in the run from Hennessey. %

% named after Pat Hennessey, a freighter who was tied to his wagon wheels and burned, apparently by Indians, in 1874. (THE CHEROKEE STRIP" BY GEORGE RAINEY)



Scene on homestead on preceeding page. pony on the right made the run. The then future Mrs Hyde, second to left from pony.

COVINGTON BUSINESSES

The first building in Covington was the Trip postoffice and store, ¶ moved from the Sandusky farm to Block 40, on the South side of C St., midway between 3rd & 4th St's. in 1903, after harvest of the wheat % grown on the townsite by Chas. Goffert; and John Boepple had the first Covington postoffice and store there.

Some years later, the Postoffice was moved into or beside the McArdle store, across East of the present Covington Hotel, with Dr. Julian as Postmaster.

Then the P. O. was moved to the Conner Hardware, Blk, 31 (just W. of Hydes) with Dr. Lowe, and afterward, Oak or Clem Conner, Postmaster.

The P. O. was then put in the Hall store, beside its first location, and Mr. Hunt was P. M.

¶ Covington was also called Trip for awhile.

% A freak cold spell came while the grain was being headed, and workers wore coats and gloves, and warmed their hands over camp fire used to heat lunch brought to the field in a wash tub.

Then the mail house was put on the South end of one of the lots on which the Covington Hotel now is, and was postmastered by Mr Stanley.

From there the transient was moved to Keltner's Store (on S. E. corner of Bl'k 31) in charge of postmaster Shelton.

Then the vagrant went to its present place on 3rd St., between B & C, and successive postmasters there have been Shelton, W. H. Amis, and L. F. Dievert.

NOTE — The "confusion of tongues" that arose among the builders of the Tower of Babel, was bigger, but maybe not more discordant than the various accounts of some things pertaining to Covington, as related from the memory of credible persons who were here at the time: so, in the absence of documentary or other proof, some reliance has also been put in consensus of opinion and other circumstantial evidence.

The Babel builders did not get their tower to Heaven, and this account will not reach from the beginning to the end of Covington, for the end is not yet here, and there may be some brick misplaced or missing, and the structure may lean a little this-away or that-away but it is the work of many builders, submitted with the hope that the result will not be so disasterous as was the Babel business.

Bakeries: Chas Beckham (from Waukomis - gfh)
Peck (from Enid - gfh)

Banks: The first bank was run by O. E. Helton, in the Masonic Hall (N. E. corner Bl'k 39). Then Wilford Helton took over and later moved the business, or opened a new bank (American State?) in or beside the present bank, and it went to Stevens, and finally to Ed. Fitzgerald; and later failed.

—Carrie had the 3rd bank (Covington State?) across C St., in Peffer Hotel Bldg., and it failed.

Chas. Watson and (or) Chas. Knox put a 4th bank there, but it was later moved from town.

After the town had been without a bank for some time J. C. Beaty and G. A. Tucker brought a bank from Marland, Okla., and in 1939 put the First State where the Covington State? was, then moved it to where the American State? had been, and now G. A. Tucker is President; C. D. Tucker, Vice Pres.; Leland H. Miller, Cashier; Mrs. Ethyle Fitzgerald, Teller; Mrs. Ruth Link, Teller; and Dorothy Lee Hyde, Bookkeeper.

(In this age of abbreviatitis, gfh in this get-up means gone from here, without a known successor.)

Blacksmiths*: Jim Hodge (on S. E. corner Blk 30 where Church of God is) to Inez Terril, to Geo. Peters, who later located where Sale Barn is.

Clate Thompson (East of Long Bell Lbr.) now Bill's Auto Repair.

Allen (in Bl'k 30) here since Mar. 1st. 1942.

Barbers: ¶ — Eggers, 1908; to — Dougherty to J. H. Huntington.

Loyd LeGrant, to Lawrence Helling, to J. H. Huntington.

Fred Alley, (Res. Shop)

Beauty Shops: Mrs. Loyd Legrant (where Burton variety is?) to Ethel Longley - gfh.

Unique: Mrs. Hall, Feb. 1947; to Mrs. Rogers in 1948; Madonna Gyer, Operator.

Harriet's Kurl Shoppe: since June 1948, Harriet Hamm, Owner & Operator.

* But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man, his share, and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock. (1 Sam. 13: 20)

¶ Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard. (Lev. 19:27)

℥ And he said unto Sarai his wife, behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon. (Gen. 12: 11)

Cafes, Restaurants, Etc.: ¶ Bakers: Roy Baker, 1944 '45, on South side of C, then across North to where Family Cafe is,

Calumet: C. Barrett, 1917 (in Casebier Bldg. where Shoe Shop is) to Joe —. gfh

Club; T. A. Moore to C. Barrett, Oct. 1923, and later moved to Green Diamond.

Covington Cafe: — Wattenburger, to Ike Barnes, to Mrs. Gene Pursley.

Fairchild: Joe, and sister, Ada Reynolds (by F & L Cleaners - q v)

Green Diamond: Opened Dec. 1937, by Mr. Barrett, on the East side of Hg'y 64, in a show car brought from Marland, then moved across to present location July, 1947.

¶ Cafe: French, Coffee House. Restaurant: Restorant, from French restaurer, that which restores.

But he (Saul) refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman (the Witch of Endor) compelled him —. (1 Sam. 28: 23)

Family Cafe: Farris Vick, to Norman Price, to — Crossfield, to Lucille Allen.

Goode: % West of Shorty's Shoe Shop: - gfh

M & A: First where ice house is. Run by Mrs. Dr. Stone, then by — Eagleburg, to John Sullivan, (1931) to — Simon, who moved it East, and later sold to — Lane, and from him to Theresa Schultz, to E. A. Hunt, who changed the name to Ed's Sandwich Shop.

Nona's Dinette: Nona Wells, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keem, 1948.

Pokee Dot: First built by L. B. Lillard, just West of Moff's, out of boxes and scraps, and the outside covered with saved pop bottle caps; then moved to present place, and successive owners and or operators seem to have been Harry Coe, Herb. Ward, Lucile Tabb, Lyle and Ralph Mosley, Herman Coats, Nona Wells, Naomi Buckles, Homer Williams, Bill Peck, Farris Vick, Melvin Shutt, and Earl Hicks.

% Delivering milk and cream from his farm one day, Mr. Goode stopped his car in front, then in a hurry to get away, forgetfully started without reversing, and shot inside through the front door.

— Black Restaurant: (Where Farquharson front yard is - gfh.

Casebier Resturant: - gfh.

Robinson Restaurant; ¶ - gfh

Rothrock: (just West of masonic Hall) to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Grounds - The first restaurant in town, here at the time of the lot sale in 1905 - gfh.

Mrs. Shoemaker: In Moff Bldg., 1936 - gfh.

Winslett Restaurant: gfh.

¶ An acquaintance relates that as a boy during the hard times then in Covington, he often passed the place until he was finally so overcome by the tempting smell of hot hamburgers, that he went in and got one on time, and it was so good he went in debt for another, and it took a year of worry and saving to pay the 10c: but that it was a valuable lesson in economics he never forgot.

Carpenters: ¶ W. B. Bostwick, Sam Braw, Chas. Cline, Bill Coe, Fred, Earl, & Thad Dodd, Todd Fitzgerald, G. H. Goff, Dave Hartman, — Helling, Elmer & W. J. Hileman, Taz Kerr, Dick Mitchell, Ed. Ogle, — Osborn, Chris. Poin-dexter, P. W. Pope, E. L. Redwine, Arthur Rowe, Chas. & — Robinson, — Seeds, Roy Shedrick, Hans. Skouby.

Cheese Factory: % Mallory family (1905 - gfh)

Cleaners: F. & L. (Jas. Fitzgerald and Earl Lunger) West of first postoffice. Moved to present bank corner in 1910 - gfh.

¶ And Hiram King of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house. (2 Sam. 5, 11)

Some Covington carpenters were also farmers, as was Mr. Bostwick, who was also a director that helped settle the affairs of the defunct American State Bank.

Some out of town carpenters: Gains Hotson, Robt. Hubbard, John Huffman, Geo. Keltner, John Malone. Mart. Mitchell, August Schultz, Cash Stotts. (Some were also stone masons, as was Mr. Hotson.)

% And carry these ten cheese unto the captain of their thousand — (Jesse to David, who fought the Philistine, Goliath - 1 Sam. 17. 18)

Covington; Robert Scott, to Holly Harris, to Ethel Price.

Cream * W. L. Coberly (where Covington Cleaner is) Walter Mars, Bill Snyder, John Wattenbarger, Victor Wurtz.

Dentist: ¶ 1st. Dr. Owen; 2nd. McLaughlin & Wolf; 3rd, Dr. G. M. Shields.

Depot Agents. — Kerr. Cecil Lester. G. W. Wooley, C. A. Adsit, Jack Barron.

*“— And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink —”: and when Sisera went to sleep, Jael nailed him to the ground and “smote off his head” (Judges: 4, 19; 5, 26)

Traveling fast with cream for the station, and thinking of calico and coffee, the author did not notice the can fall over and the lid come off when the truck bumped over the railroad, and when she got to Coberley’s there was plenty of cream along the road and on the truck, but none in the can.

¶ When fevers burn, or ague freezes,
Rheumatics gnaw, or colic squeezes;
Our neighbor’s sympathy may ease us,
Wi’ pitying moan:
But thee—thou hell o’ a disease,
A mocks our groan!
(Burns “Address to toothache”)

Doctors: * Dr. Julian (the first M. D., a real "horse and buggy" doctor, lived on his farm for many years. Dr. Gandy, 2nd. physician, Dr. A. E. Wilkins, 3rd. Practitioner, came in 1904; and followed by Drs. Lowe, 1910; Stone, 1915 (lit gas one night in his office just S. of McNeil Laundry, and an explosion dumped him in the street and split the building open); Elias Margo (now with McBride Clinic at Okla. City): Fountain; Oleck; Snow. And chiropractors were Drs. Wells; Fleming & wife; Elliott; and West.

Drugs: ¶ Dr. Wilkins (in Masonic Bldg.)

— Sanford, to — Randall. to Howell Ward.

— Stafford - run by — Hicks, then — Grundy

*My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth. (Job 19: 20)

Early day ailments included pneumonia and typhoid fever, chills, Itch (treated with carbolic acid, poke root, jimson weed) hydraphobia was fatal to Gustave Boepple, and the nearest hospitals were at Guthrie and Wichita.

¶ Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor. (Ecc. 10, 1

Electricians:* Lee and Rex Cline, Earl Richey Bert Saxton, and others.

Elevators:% General Grain Co., to Elmer Estill, to Continental Grain Co., (some operators have been Bill Hotson, ---- Black, and now W. B. Rosenbaum.)

McAfferty, to ----- Boepple, to Okla. Wheat Pool, to Farmers National Grain Corp. to W.B. Johnson - low run by W. B. Snyder.

Perry; (between railroad and Hummel's house) built by Fred Boepple, run by Bill Hotson and Trever Yost - gfh.

Feed,¶ Produce: Harry Avery, Feed, etc., by truck since 1946; Cue Feed, Produce & Cream; — Eaton - N. E. intersection of 1st (highway 64) & C - to — Munger, to — Wadley. gfh.; Hummel Feed, Poultry & Cream (where Cue is) Thomas (Mr. & Mrs.) Produce & Cream, from Blackwell, Okla. 1944; — Wurtz, gfh.

* Also Electric Catfish, Eels, Fireflies & Glow worms.

% Also an instrument for raising a bone depression, and for pulling teeth roots. Lifts In England (Dictnry)

¶ Anglo-Saxon, fedan; Old German, fuottan; Swiss, foda; Danish, jode. (Dictionary)

Flour Mill; ¶ On North side of Frisco R. R. and West side of 3rd. St. - Barney Trammel, Frank Diveley, Roy Walters and other stockholders. Once sold for taxes, and finally to G.W.Reddick. gfh.

Fruit Stand;* Mrs. Dorothy Avery. South of Pokee Dot Cafe - gfh.

Furniture & Funeral Supplies: % Fred Goldsberry, 1905. East of Johnnie's Locker - gfh.

¶ No man shall take the nether or the upper millstone to pledge (as security) for he taketh a mans life (livelihood) to pledge. (Deut. 24, 6)

* Fruits are vegetable, and vegetables yield fruit, and there is no fixed division of "which from t'other" but "It has been held by the courts that all those which, like potatoes, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, etc., are eaten during the principle part of the meal are to be regarded as vegetables, while those used only for dessert are fruits."

% Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in the camel's furniture (canopied saddle) and sat upon them, and Labon searched the tent and found them not. (Gen. 31, 34)

Fuel; Antrim Lbr. Co., Coal (Chas Rennyson, Mgr.)

Jas. B. Hotson Coal & Cream (South of Postoffice) to Dave Hotson - gfh.

W. B. Snyder; Coal.

Garages: Coleman; - gfh.

French Garage & Gas; to Joe Ben Cassody & Jas. Fitzgerald - gfh.

Charley Mitchell Garage & Apartments: on W. side of Hgy. 64, across from Bateman. Built by Mitchell and Liberty Federal Bldg. & Loan. Then to — Price, to A. S. Hursh and Thos. Pursley, to Everett Gardner, back to Mitchell, again to Hursh, and finally to Moff Motor Co.

W. H. Perrin, and Bldg. & Loan, to — Anderson, — Luderman & Chas. Myers, to Grassman & Wilmot (implements) to Roy Powell (M & M Garage) to Avery (feed & Grinding) to Geo. Cue Feed & Produce.

Rest Chevrolet Sales & Service; Built by
W. M. Bateman (Garage & Gas) then to Rev.

Nelson, for the Southwest Bible School * then the building was leased and later sold to Otto Rist,

Hardwares; Conner Bros. (Oak and Clem) and Ed. Mckean. Second door West of Trower - 1908. to Watts & Ingle. 1918 (operated by A. H. Squires) gfh.

Curlee - Oilfield Supplies (where Hummel home is) to Osmus & Son, implements - gfh.

Trower: to Mrs. Trower, to Thelma Trower Moff, Cora Trower Punkard, and Lawrence Moff, to Carl N. Hyde, 1940. Now Hyde's Inc.

Quigley ¶ Hardware & Caskets (between Conner and Trower Hdw's. - gfh.

Harness Shop: Fred Goldsberry and John Hodge, 1907 (where Dr. Shields is) gfh.

* Among other difficulties was a leaky roof and some \$2,700,00 delinquent paving and other tax, so when Waxahachie, Texas offered to furnish a good building, the school was moved to there.

¶ Politics and busines mixed at Quigley's, for he was an implacable Socialist foe of "capitalism", Democrats, and Teddy Roosevelt.

Hatcheries; Randall; where McNeil Laundry is (about 1938) gfh.

Geo. Wehmeier; - on Elizabeth Parks place, where Alex Pope is now, then on N. side of C in Blk, 31, where Legion Hall is - gfh.

Hhme Nursing; * Mrs. Nadine Fry - gfh. Mrs. Lela Wilkins.

Hotels: Covington; Built by — Salyer for local stockholders. Then litigation led to sala to — Peters, — Windler, R. D. and Lula McArble, then from the others to Mrs. McArdle, after which it was bought at tax sale by Chas. Watson; and by him sold at auction to Ira Schaffer, and sold by Lavina Schaffer to Chas. Myers.

Main Street Hotel: On C St., between Sullivan's Grocery and Town Hall. Changed from Colorado Rooms (q.v.) by Mrs. Jean Pursley - gfh.

Saint Louis? Mrs. Wire - gfh.

* — And his nurse took him up and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame, and his name was Mephibosheth.

(II Sam. 4, 4)

Ice; Sherwood; South of Masonic Hall - gfh.

Diamond; (formerly Perry Ice) C & 3rd.
Among owners and operators have been Joe Ben Cassody, and Glen Roberts. From Roberts to Amos Price.

Jeweler; — Nostein - gfh.

Junk: Started about 1924 by W. M. Smith, who had a Blacksmith shop where Terril was and sold shop to Elbert Butts, who moved it to Lucien; and the yard later went to Bernard Smith.

Laundries: Hileman; (After McArdle Store, Harris Auto Salvage, Randall Hatchery, etc.) to — Hicks (moved to Perry) and replaced with another Help Yourself by Mrs. Addie McNeil.

Mrs. Fred Eirman; N. of Sale Barn (husband was night watch) to — Woods - gfh.

Mrs. Vada Van; Under Antlers Rooms - gfh.

Walker's Help-U-R-Self; F. R. and Ida Walker (on C, between 2nd & 3rd.

Livery Stables: Brazell & Fortney (on C at 3rd) to Cassody - gfh. Shavery (before Staerkel Hall-gfh.

Lumber Yards: Antrim-Todd; On 4th St.,
South of present Postoffice - gfh.

American, Across C from Rist Chevrolet.
gfh.

Long Bell; (D at 4th St.) Among the managers in about the order of their tenure, have been Joe Powell, — Brown, Burton Hamilton, Herman Harms, — Salaska, Ivan Fyte, Wm. R. Merideth. Among bookeepers, Florence Harms, Clara Fyte, Lena Weil, Mrs. Merideth. Other helpers include Don. Hunter, C. E. Butts, Frank Norris, — Lane, B. E. Wurtz, Ed. Creecy. Eldo Wyssman

Pickering; Adjacent West of Moff Motor Co. *
gfh.

Slater? and, or — Rig & Reel?; North on
1 St.? - gfh.

Sutherland, Across C from Cutter's Machine
Shop - gfh.

Thompson; where Cutter's Mach. Shop is - gfh.

Walton?; gfh.

* Except when a windstorm once moved most of
the yard to Sullivan's Grocery.

Machine Shops; R. E. Hoy (next to town jail) Building sold to Bert Garber and Geo. Failing, who sold it to Chas. Sisson, to replace a burned barn; and Mr. Hoy moved the shop to West of Covington Hotel.

Roy Brink; (West of Terril Blacksmith shop) Building sold to Bowers & Payne, and finally to John Shaffer; and Mr. Brink moved shop to present location at 3rd & G.

Newspapers: * Covington Leader; L.E. Potter, Editor; to — Fisk?. to — Shaffer?, to J. E. Seeds (just East of town hall, then across C St. to Rist residence) then to — Smith, to Waldo & Wendell Wettingill, to — Wilson, to R. F. Kirkpatrick, in 1939, after name was changed to The Covington Record in 1916, and moved from Staerkel Hall to Curtis bldg. on C St. in 1943.

News Stand: M & B, by — Owens, who made horse and buggy delivery of The Tulsa World and Tulsa Democrat to Covington oil field subscribers.

* And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent (them) into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish in the house of their idols, and among the people. (1 Sam. 31, 9) - Instead of putting the news in the Philistine Painkiller.

Oil & Gas:* Albert Pike; (Hgy. 64 & C) Built by W. M. Bateman for garage and gas. Building now owned by Paul Headley, and equipment passed to Dave Wasserman, to J. C. Faubian, to Bob Potter, to Ellis Cutter, who changed the name to Supreme Service, then to Norman Price; and later to L. H. Durheim.

— Carrier Oil; (now Price Cleaners) Built by — Wettingill, to Frank Frimmer, to Maurice Farqharson, Jr. - gfh.

J & J Oil Co.; (Hgy. 64 at D St. - was St. Clair) to Joe Ben Cassody & Jas. Fitzgerald, and changed to J & J (Jas. & Joe) then to Cassody.

Chas Knox; to Champlin Refining Co. to Covington for town hall, about 1940.

Lula Mcardle; North side of McNeil Laundry - gfh.

Sinclair Oil; (wholesale - East of Frico Depot) Waldo & Wendell Wettingill? to Chas Breckinridge? to—Headley? - gfh.

* Before oil stations, some stores kept a can of oil and a barrel of gas that was dipped out, and poured in the few "Tin Lizzies" that came by.

Union Oil; (Hgy. 64 & C) built by C. W. Easley and Louie Kissling, June 1928. to Easley, to Jake Oberlender, and changed to Oberlenders Service Station.

oil Supplies: Frick-Reid Supply Co. - gfh (third lot West of telephone office) Run by Bernard Layman;? — Snell? and others?

Lucy Supply? (on 2nd near Frisco track - gfh.

McKuen Supply? - gfh (just North of Frisco depot) Jim Buchanan? Mgr.

Parkersburg Rig & Reel? - gfh.

Western Supply; - gfh (on 2nd, North side of Frisco R. R?) — Strong? Wm. Mazy? Mgrs.

Photographers: Theodore Goldsberry - gfh; Jot Pickard - gfh.

Paper Hangers; Chas. Cline; Lloyd Hobson; — LaSalle; Allen Lunger; Jot Pickard; E. L. Redwine, and others, some of whom were or are also painters.

Picture Show: Chas. Osmus, on North side of

D St., in Block 46; then moved to present place on C, and later run by Mrs. — Wakin; to Geo. Wehmier, then in time to Jot Pickard, to Robt. Scott (died from burns of a fire there, to J. R. Bradford, to — Fry, to Jerry Quinn.

Plumbers: include Lee Cline; Jot Pickard, Earl Richey, Ed. Risner, Bert Saxton.

Refinery: Pepper Oil Co.; on S. E. corner of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 11, Otter Twp. Employed 35 men. Burned.

Rooms: Antlers; (where Herron Shoe Shop is.

Mrs. Burkhart; (3rd & D) later moved and became Bible Baptist Church, q. v.

Colorado; Built by — Seeds. to Tom and Rebecca Shores, to Mrs. — Viers, to Mrs. — Risner, to Mrs. Jean Pursley, who changed the name to Main Street Hotel; and Mistresses Boren, and Gray, were among others who had the place, which was finally sold to Dr. Shields, and later moved to his farm.

Mrs Edward Hicks; (Next lot East of Sullivan Grocery - Mr. Hicks made soda pop for local thirst) Other owners and operators include Mrs.

Wm. Miller and Myrtle Coats,

Mrs. Clate Thompson; Residence rooms and board - gfh.

Realtors: Jacob Coleman, gfh; J. C. Beaty
W. H. Perrin; S. E. Rogers.

Sale Ring: (where Allen's Blacksmithy is) Albert Dievert, to H. L. Burgess, who moved to North side of Frisco track, betwen 2nd & 3rd., and later sold to Lloyd Blandford.

Shoe Shop: J. S. Herron to Shorty Douglas in 1932, for Mr. Douglas' shoe shop in Garber. (Grace Herron Douglas and her sister, Ada Dean had the Rite-Way Cleaners, West of the telephone office).

Motors. J. F. Dively Motor Co. (C & 2nd) Built by Chas. Brewer. Became Price Garage, later to Chas. Osmus, then vacant, and sold for taxes to Covington School District, then to H. L. Burgess, Chas. Myers, L. N. Rowe and G. A. Tucker, who sold to Dively.

Stores; (Emporiums, Markets) Anthony clothing; just West of first I. O. O. F. Hall (q. v.) gfh.

Famous Clothing; Jas. Fitzgerald (first located between present bank and Postoffice - gfh)

Gracie Clothing; (where Burton's Variety is) gfh.

Beeby's; Grocery (see Roger's)

Carson Dry Goods; - see Brownie's.

Fleming Dry Goods; On corner East of Hyde's Hardware - gfh.

Brownie's Grocery (C & 3rd.) Built by C. B. Carson, then to Geo. Wehmeier Grocery, back to Carson (Dry Goods & Groceries) to Bernard Layman, then to Gordon Brown.

Dupree Grocery; Before Home Town, q. v.

J. C. Ellis Grocery; Now Thomas Produce. Built by Ellis about 1918.

Fox & Darley Grocery; Where First State Bank is. To Jayne & Gambld, q. v.

Hawkins Grocery; (1920) In I. O. O. F. Hall q. v. - gfh.

Home Town; Beeby's for awhile operated under Home Town sign furnished by Ranney Davis Merc. Co.

Johnson Grocery ?

Kring Grocery; gfh. - Across C from Staerkel Hall, 1911. To W. H. Doherty, in a "sight unseen" trade for a farm in Arkansaw.

Moore & Son Grocery; From McArdle - q. v.

Rogers' Grocery; Formerly Beeby's Grocery, where Bank is ¶. To Cecil Rogers in 1941, and moved next door East.

Sullivan's Grocery (oldest in town) and rooming house next door East were built by — Fulton from Wichita, in 1918, and the store

¶ Six positive women say the statement is utterly fabulous, fallacious, fictitious and false, for they "just know" they traded at Beeby's when it was where Rogers now is: but it seems reasonable to suppose that, with the help of a competent wife, Mr. Rogers knows wheu and where he g:ocieried (even if he don't know why) so Mr Rogers wins the argument: though since the old Beeby sign was on the new Rogers store for awhile, the contradictors "absotively" have good ground for being so "posolute"

was operated as Fulton's Grocery, until sold to Wm. Sullivan and wife, Annie, in 1920.

Wehmeier's Dry Goods & Groceries; Built by C. B. Carson, and leased to — Waters, followed by — Holmes, Walter Bishop, and then Maurice Farquharson, who was followed by — Hammerick; then Carson, until the place was again leased to Farquharson, who ran it as Wehmeier's, and moved across C in 1949, and opened Maurices' Drive In, when Gordon Brown bought the Carson Bldg.

Curtis & Powers Dry Goods and Groceries; Where Covington Record is - gfh

Durheim D. G. & Gro. gfh. to John Shaffer?, to — Wilson?.

Hall D. G. & Gro.? (1906? - gfh.)

Jayne & Gamble D. G. & Gro. (after Fox & Garvey - where Bank is) to Gibson & Piper - gfh.

Jenkins & Terwilliger Gro. & D. G.; (from Keltner - gfh.

Keltner D. G. & Gro.; (Bill & Claud) C & 4 - on corner East of Hyde Hdw. - see above.

Lula McArdle D. G. & Gro.; (where McNeil Laundry is) to Moore & Son - gfh.

Peak (1906 ? - gfh.

Taggart; - gfh.

Morrison Bros. - followed by Chas Durheim.

Mrs. Cliff Gift Shop - gfh.

Mrs Brown Millinery; gfh.

Adams^d Millinery; and Mrs. — Eggers (with Vaughn Furniture - gfh.

Burton Variety; between Family Cafe and Covington Record. Formerly Enlow Variety ,in Staerkel Hall.

Mrs — Gray Variety; to Newman^d - gfh.

Mrs. Lipsey Variety; gfh. in Masonic Hall (Husband was stone mason and water well driller)

Telephone: Now part of Western Light & Telephone system - built by Jack Kelley, now at Borger, Tex. Past operators include Bessie Van Tine, Mrs. Jot Pickard, Mrs. — Sunderland Mrs. Maud Huntsinger; Velma Fitzgerald and Goldie Keller; and present switchboarders are Ella Howell and Nadine Shaw.

Tin Shop: Arch Squires; Where Ellis Grocery was, and Thomas Produce is; and now Squires Repair Shop, on F near Highway 64

Electric Appliances: C. F. Perrin; since 1945. On C in building traded to — Lesser, and formerly occupied by — Lowenhaupt, Clothing. bnd by — Sparks Clothing.

Vetinary; (and magician) Dr. Parshall - gfb., and C. G. Mattocks, in Marshall Twp.

{ And Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, —
four hundred sheckels of silver“ (equal to about
\$300.00. and weighing about 9 lbs.) ”current
money with the merchant“ for a burial place
for his wife Sarah. (Gen. 23) }



Early day Gopfert Home, N. E. of Sec- 9, Otter Twp.

**Left to right: Herman, Carrie and Mrs. Eiseley,
Elizabeth and Chas. Gopfert.**

Town Hall Built about 1900 for Chas. Knox Oil & Gas, and later owned by Champlin Refinery; with Orvill Walker as one of the operators for one of the owners. Then the building was vacant until bought by the town in 1940 at tax sale, for \$250.00.

Libraries: The first library seems to have been on the North side of D between 4th and 5th, and librarians seem to have been Velma Jayne and Lenora Lipsey. The present Library was first put in Staerkel Hall, by the Quest Study Club, in 1939. with Mrs. Rose Amis, President of the club; and moved to the Town Hall in 1940, where it is maintained by the Quest Club, in upstairs quarters furnished by the town.

Masonic Hall: After the bank building used by Wilford Helton, was sold to John Shaffer, an Orlando banker, Mr. Shaffer sold it to Masonic Lodge A.F.&A.M. 484, and the hall is also used by the Eastern Star, Rotary Club, other club and public gatherings, precinct elections, and has living quarters in the rear.

I. O. O. F. HALL; Was built by the I. O. O. F. lodge in 1920, and sold to John Staerkel in 1933, and became Staerkel Hall, and is now Staerkel Hotel and Apartments.

Public Park: Block 19, East Covington, was bought by the town in 1919, from O. A. Brewer for \$2,400, for a public park, which has been maintained with help of the Covington Iris Club.

Roadside Planting: In curve of Hg'y 64, at South edge of town, planted by Covington Garden Club in 1947, and kept up by the club.

Water Supply: Until 1919 water was furnished from private wells scattered over town, including one dug by and for the Frisco R. R., one on the north end of the Allen blacksmith lot, one near the present telephone office, and another one or two on C St, where teams could be watered; but since then water has been furnished by the town, now from eight wells, four of which are in town (two in the park) and four East and South in surrounding country - those in town having a depth of 40 ft, while the outside wells are down 186 ft. - at a present charge of \$1.25

for the first 2,000 gallons or less, 50c a thousand for all between 2 and 5 M, and 35c a thousand for all over 5,000 gallons

Gas: Is furnished to Covington by the Northern Oklahoma Gas Co., of Ponca City, and the town ¶ sells to consumers at 50c per thousand cubic feet, up to 50,000, and 45c a thousand for all over 50,000.

Light & Power: For Public and private use is supplied by the Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., and bills are paid to the town clerk as agent for the Company

¶ Covington seems to have been incorporated as a village Nov. 28 1905; then referred to as a town by the County Commissioners Jan. 5, 1906.

Though a town is usually larger than a village, and a village bigger than a hamlet, there is no particular limit as to size, and any one can be larger than the others, or even larger than a city, and any of them may become a city, when "Any town, village, or community of people residing in compact form in this State, having a population of two thousand inhabitants or more, — and having its territory platted into lots and blocks, may become a city —" by incorporating as such. (Oklahoma Statutes)

Town Officers: From such records as are found, and the memory of some early day residents; the following is a partial list of past and present town officers, arranged alphabetically instead of the order of their tenure - the three member town boards (Trustees) Clerks, Treasurers and Justices of the Peace being elected in April of each odd numbered year (taking office in May) and others are appointed by the Board, which also makes one of its members Chairman (President) of the Board and Mayor.

Trustees: Wm. Bateman; Arthur Briggeman, Chm'n; J. E. Buchan, Chm'n; C. W. Burton; O. B. Carson, Chm'n; W. L. Coberly; J. W. Eggers; O. A. Fox, Chm'n; H. C. Harms; — Hawkins; L. P. Helling; Gene Henry; L. A. LeGrant; W. R. Merideth; Elmer Miller; R. C. Mitchell; L. J. Mooter; Chas. Myer; Wirt Price, Chm'n; Glen Perrin; W. H. Perrin; C. D. Peters; Ed. Reisner; L. N. Rowe, Chm'n, M. F. Stuart; A. H. Squires; W. D. Wilson; H. D. Yest.

Clerks: J. C. Beaty; J. R. Blair; Allen Canatsy; W. L. Coberly; Edwd. Creecy; Vina

Creeey; Clint Jayne; Wallace Melvin; Helen Myers; J. W. Pickering; P. H. Shelton; Monett Singletary.

Treasurers: W. H. Amis; Albert Clausing; W. T. Cowell; E. F. Fitzgerald.

Justices: W. L. Coberly; N. A. Ellis J. E. Seeds; A. H. Squires.

Marshalls: Ira Barnes; Frank Brandon; Sam Brown; Hayden Clifford; — Erick; Pete Fisher; — Harmon; Wm. McClellen; E. L. Redwine — Stewart; Dan Waters.

Gas & Water Supt's P. L. Lane; M. L. Wolf.

Street Conditioners; Geo. Barnard; Pete Fisher; L. C. Hopkins; V. S. Sediby.

CHURCHES

PLEASANT HILL: (by Mrs. Laura Clodfelter*) In 1895 a Sunday school was organized at a school house known as Bryan (district 96) on the Os. Brown farm, by John Butts, who was Sup't 2 years; followed by A. B. Brown. Singing school was held by Mr. Brown and Mr. Butts, and was a great get-together for the neighborhood. Mr. U. G. Goe became S. S. Sup't, followed by Will Casebier, who was also a minister, and preached for us.

In June 1910, a church was organized by W. J. Fooshee (who was a United Brethren minister) with seven charter members - Mr. & Mrs. E. G. Clodfelter, Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Clodfelter, Mr & Mrs. John Piper (deceased) Mrs. Mose Dishman (deceased).

In 1911 Rev. Hawley was pastor. During this year class was moved 2 miles West and 1 mile South to an abandoned church, Bethel (5 miles South of Covington). Rev. Hawley was followed by Rev. J. Hughes in 1912, then Rev. Hawley

* Daughter of H. L. and Amelia McAfee - Mr. McAfee being a pioneer crossroads blacksmith in Marshall Township. (Editor)

was returned, and served 2 years, during which time plans were made for a new church, to be built 1 mile East of old Bethel on the Ben Holding farm. Building was completed and first services held Sept. 10, 1913. and Aug. 30, 1914 it was dedicated, free of debt, by Bishop Rephart, and named Pleasant Hill.

1915 Rev. D. M. Donovan became Pastor, followed by Rev. Cottrell, and in 1916 Rev. G. L. Daub, for 3 years, during which time 50 were added to the church membership.

In 1919 Rev. J. F. Keith was Pastor of Pleasant Hill and Hayward - the churches having been combined; and served 2 years, during which time a Parsonage was built at Hayward, and dedicated July 12, 1922.

Rev. Tresenriter followed Rev. Keith, for 1 year, and was followed by Mrs. Mary Colson, for 3 years. In 1925 Rev. H. E. Shaffel began a 2 year term, and was succeeded by Rev. W. J. Fooshee for 3 years. Then Rev. Strickland was pastor 1 year, and Rev. D. L. Daub served until 1937, leaving a membership of 82 at the end of his pastorate: and in 1937 - '38 Rev. Roy Trent was pastor.

1939 the members decided to support a full time pastor, and Rev. Chas. Booth was sent, and occupied a frame house remodeled for a parsonage; and during his first year 30 were added to the church membership - making a total of 112.

In 1940 a 5 room parsonage was built on church ground, as were also a garage chicken house, well and windmill. Rev. Booth was pastor 2 years, and the parsonage was dedicated by Bishop Weidler, April 12, 1941, free of debt.

Rev Wech was pastor 2 years, and the next 3 years were served by Rev. W. B. Gilliland, and the church remodeled - 2 rooms added to front of church, church and parsonage wired for electricity, a propane heating system installed, and 6 stoves purchased.

During the war we had 34 stars on our service flag - 27 of them silver; they all returned home safely - for which we thank our Savior.

The next pastor was Rev. Merle Pulver, who served 2 years, during which time a modern room was added to the parsonage.

Sept. 1948, conference was held at Woodward,

and Rev. Pulver was transferred to Bartlesville, Okla., and Rev. Robert Hunt, a retired missionary from Africa, was sent as pastor. The church membership is 120.

We are so thankful the Lord has so wonderfully blessed us, and raised up young people to carry on His work. A vast difference from the 1 room school house of 53 years ago to a 3 room church and a 6 room parsonage, with a full sized basement and an equipped kitchen.

(The McAfee's lived on the S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 32 W o o d Twp., instead of Marshall Twp., as stated in footnote on page 76.)

St. John's Lutheran: Among the early settlers were many Lutheran families, who first held church service in their homes, without ordained preachers, until in 1896, Rev. John Hamm, stationed at Okarche, Okla., began conducting services among them.

June 23, 1897, the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized, with the following charter members; John Bruns, Claus Schumacher John Metscher, Carl Walker, Martin Mohrmann, Dietrich Metscher, John Miesner, and Louis Grother;- being the second Lutheran church organized in Oklahoma (the first was at Okarche).

For awhile services were held in the Lone Star (sod) school house, 3 miles North and 2 East of Covington: then in the fall of 1900, Wm. Heim gave 5 acres, and John Bruns an adjoining 7 acres on which to build whatever might be needed.

Soon after the organization, pastor Hamm returned to Okarce, and Rev. E. Maehr of Fairmont, took his place, and in 1900 he was succeeded by the first resident pastor, Rev. Theo. Bower, who served until 1905; and was followed by Rev. Henry Krocming for 15 years.

In the fall of 1907, the building of a church was begun, on the N. E. corner of the S. E. 1-4 of Sec. 31, Olive Twp., and it was dedicated May 3, 1908; and later the Lone Star (frame) school house was acquired and moved to the churchyard for a parish hall, to which a 12 ft. extension was built on for a kitchen.

Since its dedication, a number of changes have been made in the church building - the cupolo atop the steeple was replaced by a now faded gold cross; and years ago the chimney was moved from the center of the roof to the West end, but was torn off by a storm in 1916, and later put back in its original and present place. Also, the interior of the church has been beautified by the addition of an altar picture of the Good Shepherd,

— When the pastor and family moved into the parsonage, they heard strange noises in the house, and though their ears could not identify the cause, their noses told them the walls were occupied by striped cats, and since the city family already had more than enough of crowded apartments, they determined that the unwelcome house guest must go, so the pastor took time off and removed 10 skunks, 3 rabbits, 1 possum and 1 house cat.

donated in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schweer, by their children, and dedicated on Easter Sunday in 1945.

To aid the singing capacity of the church, a number of hymn books were given in memory of Louis Windler, by his children; and in his memory, Mrs Windler donated a butane gas system, and had an electric refrigerator put in the parsonage kitchen: also, in 1945 a baptismal font was dedicated.

In 1919, the women of the congregation organized a Ladies Aid Society, and like Dorcas of New Testament times, they do a great deal of sewing to raise funds for church work; and in other ways take a very active part. In 1921, a Young People's Society was organized. During World War 2, many of the young men were called into service, and some of the young ladies found employment at Enid and elsewhere, during which time their church work was discontinued, but in 1945 it was resumed, and they re-joined the International Walther League, and engaged in sending relief to war-torn people.

1947 was a triple anniversary year - the 100th

of the synod, the 50th of the congregation, and the 10th of the men's club. The men gather in the parish hall three times a month for business, topic studies, and social meetings. They are often called upon to do the manual labor on projects instigated by the ladies, and have also undertaken many things of their own, including the acquisition of a power mower to cut grass and weeds on the cemetery and church grounds.

The Sunday school has grown steadily, due chiefly to the industry of the superintendent and the faithfulness of the Sunday school staff. Classes are conducted in the parish Hall, and the expense of building the extension was partly born by funds from the S. S. treasury, and the Sunday Bulletin is paid for from the same source.

According to church records, the first to be baptized was Clara Louise Schomaker, March 3, 1901, under sponsorship of Wm. & Louise Windler; and the last baptism was that of Margaret Sue Burk, June 23, 1947, sponsored by Mrs. Arthur Wyssmann and Mrs. John Wyssmann.

The first confirmation class was in 1906, the members being John Schomaker, Henriette Met-

cher, Katherine Walker, and Pauline Brady; and the 1947 class were Lloyd Boepple, Lester Carter and Norma Boepple.

The first marriage recorded was that of Carl Helling and Rebecca Luhrs Sept. 6, 1906; and the last was Joseph Funk and Elvira Wyssmann, Feb. 23, 1947.

The first laid to rest in St. John's cemetery were two children of John Bruns, in 1396, before organization of the church; and the last funeral was for infant Jean Elizabeth Sohl, Feb. 23, 1947.

In the 50 years of St. John's history, the records show 206 baptisms, 186 confirmations, and 57 marriages.

During World war 2, the following young men served, without casualty, in all the various branches of the service:- Reinhold Bartels, Arthur Durham, Louis Durham, Gledith Gregg, Lavern Heim, Clarence Luedemann, Rogert Luedemann, Herbert Nolte, John Nolte, Glenn Peters, Henry Schoeling, Lewis Schoeling, Arnold Schweer, Harold Schweer, Louis Schweer, Eldo Wyssman, Ervin Wyssman, Melvin Wyssman.

Pastors not previously mentioned, were Rev's H. F. Meyer, Frank C. Fellbaum, E. H. Pittelko, R. O. Barlag; and the present pastor is Rev. E. L. Coyner.

Church Elders are F. W. Schweer, Carl Schulz, Frank Krieth. Finance Board: Albert Staerkel, Carl Rabe, Herold Schweer. T. C. Schweer is President; Edward Schieber, Vice Pres.; Chas. Durham, Sec'y; Edwin Schweer, Treas.: G. F. Wyssmann, Sexton; Theodore Kriethe, Custodian; Mrs. John Wyssmann, Organist; Mrs. G. F. Wyssmann, Ass't Organist; Arnold Schweer, S. S. Sup^t. S. S. Teachers: Mrs. Herold Schweer, Ervin Wyssmann, Lloyd Kriethc.

Ladies Aid.- Mrs. Edw'd Schieber, Pres.; Mrs. Earl Gregg, V. P.; Mrs. T. C. Schweer, Sec'y; Mrs. Ted Kriethe, Treas. Men's Club;- Frank Krieth, Pres.; G. F. Wyssmann, V. P.; Cha's Durham, Sec'y; Edw'd Schieber, Treas. Walther League;- Melvin Wyssmann, Pres.; Lloyd Kriethe, V. P.; Viola Wyssmann, Sec'y; Wilbert Wyssmann, Treas.

— Much of the foregoing chapter is taken (verbatim and otherwise) from St. John's Golden Anniversary booklet, of 1947.

Iowa Lutheran:* Following services in homes for awhile by Rev. Hamm, the church was organized soon after beginning of the Zion Lutheran, and a church was built on the N. E. corner of the N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 14, Otter Twp (the Otto Pfeffer - now the Gus. Hueppelsheuser farm) a little South of the Frisco tracks, and West of Hg'y 64: and is now occupied as a residence by Adolph Staub.

About 1920 a new church was built by Fred Boepple and others, on Block 6, of East Covington, and the name was changed to American Lutheran: then in 1949 it united with St. John's Lutheran, and both places now have the same pastor.

Among other American Lutheran pastors were Rev's Knowler, Pulman, Meir, Bishop, Young, Detmer, Bunge, and Dursmer.

Ladies Aid Members include Mrs. Bangerter,

* This chapter includes some information furnished by Mrs. Mary Boepple, and by Josie and Gus Heupplesheuser, who in 1900, were the first couple married (by Rev. Knowler) in the Iowa church.

Emma Boepple, Marie Boeppple, Fanny Eisele, Mrs. Hilderbrand, Josie Heupplesheuser, Mrs. Kring, Mrs. Schultz, Ida Schweer, Mrs. Walters, Hanna Wolf; Mrs. Wyler; Mrs. Yarger.

Some other members of the congregation are Bertha, Fred, John and Mary Bangenter; Mr. & Mrs. Chris. Boepple, Gottelb Boepple & family, and John Boepple & family; Mr. & Mrs. Cramer; Geo. Creager & family; Mr. & Mrs. John Fischer; Mr. & Mrs. Gopfert; Lawrence and Rebecca Hel-ling; Mr & Mrs. Henry Lewis; Mr. & Mrs. Listico; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Long; Herman Losch & family; Dick Metchser; Anna North; Wm. Overdeck; Mr. & Mrs. Otto Pfeffer; Minnie Quelhorst; Mrs. Rider; Ida Schmitz; Mrs. Schomaker; Mr. & Mrs August Schultz; Mr. & Mrs. Luie Snyder; Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Staerkel and daughter; Mr. & Mrs. Court Timken; Mr. & Mrs, Sam Whyler; Mr. & Mrs. Leo Yager.

Zion Lutheran: Was founded Nov. 1897, by a group that met at the home of Wm. Helberg, with Rev. Hamm, and formed the "Zion Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Patterson Township, Garfield County, Oklahoma".

Five acres 2 miles N. W. of Fairmont were bought from Miss — Marquardt, and a church building dedicated there in April, 1898; with Rev. Maehr as resident pastor.

In 1902, the Santa Fe Railroad was built so near the church, that when the new town of Fairmont donated a block, a church was built there, and when it became too small for the growing congregation, a new church was built, and dedicated Oct. 2, 1904, after laying of the cornerstone on April 10th of the same year.

The church joined the Missouri synod in 1905, built a parsonage in 1911 '12, and June 1913, dedicated a (\$500.00) pipe organ - the first such instrument used by Lutherans in Oklahoma.

Jan. 1931, Christ Lutheran of Douglas dissolved, and some of the congregation joined the Zion group; and a well was dug in 1944.

In 1908 a house bought from Cord Miesner, was put on 2 acres purchased from Robt. Miller, for a teacherage, which was enlarged in 1910, and again in 1947. After the second church house was built, the first one was used for a school building, which was enlarged in 1914, and another school house was erected in 1916.

Ladies Aid was organized 1921⁹ and a Walther League in 1921. A Men's Club in 1941, and a Woman's Missionary League in 1942.

November 1947, the church had 500 members; and during the preceding 50 years, 693 were baptised, 542 confirmed, 171 couples married, 194 funerals, and 32,566 partakings of the Lord's Suppers.

Pastors have been Rev's J. H. Hamm, E. Maehr, Hy. Mueller, E. H. Pittelko, Ed. Peter; and Rev. Hugo is the present incumbent.

— Much of this chapter is from the 1947 Golden Anniversary booklet of the Zion Lutheran.

Church of Christ: Was organized in 1903, and a church erected in Douglas in 1912. John Hudson was resident pastor for some time, and Walter Jeffers, Rob't Lizar, R. W. Forbes, and A. N. Davis (all deceased) were among the elders; until the building was sold in 1938, and the members went to other churches.

Christian Union: Of Douglas, was organized in the fall of 1896, with Rev. J. B. Rogers as pastor. Mrs. Emma Long, of Douglas, is the only charter member now living, and there have been many changes in the church during the past 53 years.

Among the pastors were Rev's Paskule Meek, Chas. Stewart, Cecil Denny, H. Smith, Ronald Orsborn, Wallace Linton, Andy Dorrell, Nettie Dorrell, D. W. Donaghue; and Hershel Jones, the present pastor.

The present membership is 210, and the average attendance is about 100; with Sunday morning and evening services. There is also a Christian Endeavor Society, a Womens Missionary Society, and an active Youth Movement.

This page from data furnished by Mrs. Olive Parker, of Douglas, Okla.

Assembly of God: After some meetings in a tent near the present ice dock at C & 3rd., services were continued for about a year in the Curtis building (where the Covington Record is) until the Assembly was organized April 21, 1942, and set in order by J. S. Merrell: with Mrs. Harriette F. Beaty as Pastor; Mrs. Luella Curtis, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. Ina Smith, Secretary; and Deacons J. C. Beaty & Delbert Price.

Then the 43 members bought a building on C St. at 3rd (where the Terril blacksmith shop had been) and the church was dedicated Sept. 28, 1942, by Rev. Hardcastle - and the present pastor is Rev. J. W. Arnold.

This account from information furnished by Rev. Beaty, and conversation with Pete Fischer.

Bible Baptist: Sept. 25, 1935, 38 persons met in the home of Rev. Eugene C. Parrish for the purpose of establishing an Independent Bible Testimony in Covington.

Believing that the local church is answerable only to the Lord Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Word of God, the following persons became Charter members;

Rev. Parrish, Mrs. E. C. Parrish, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gardener, Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Way, Mr & Mrs. H. L. Dulaney, Harry J. Dulaney, Mrs. Irene Peterson, Mrs. Joe Miller, Roy Adams, Mrs. Nora Adams, Mrs. Beatrice Reisner, Mrs. Esther Norris, Mrs. Rebecca Shores, W. H. and Mrs. Minnie Dougherty, Mrs. A. M. Elliott, Jas. P. & Mrs. Agnes Black, Lula and Jack Black, Mrs. Juliette Williams, Victor & Mrs. Anna Woerz, Ernest Bittle, Mrs. Minnie Brandon, Dan Buzard, Ruth and Irene Williams, Glen Perrin, Helen Watkins, Verney and Melvin Gre-gart, Mr. & Mrs. M. S. Way.

The first meeting was on Sunday, Sept. 29, 1935, in the Odd Fellows Hall, where they continued until the old Burkhart Rooming House was acquired for a church, and moved to Hg'y 64 & E St.: and Jan. 1949, the denominational name was changed to **COVINGTON GOSPEL CENTER.**

Pastors have been Rev's Eugene C. Parrish, Otis Lionberger, Victor Woerz, Ernest Long, Flenoy Eubanks, G. B. Mobley, L. H. Cavin, L. A. York, Melvin Gregart, and Joseph Arnett; With Herman E. Arnett as the present pastor.

This delineation from writing of Mrs. C. E. Way.

Potter Christian: ¶ was organized by Rev. Judd, at the Potter school house, in 1900, and services were held there until 1904, when a church was built on the adjacent S. W. corner of the North-West quarter of Sec. 26, Marshall Twp., at which time there was an average attendance of about 120.

Among many others, a few of the old time contributors to the church were Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Cawood, Mr. & Mrs. Geo. F. Majors, Mr. & Mrs. O. A. Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Cox, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Hebbe, Mr. & Mrs. C. J. Ward, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Shields, Wm. Cawood, Miss. Anna Boren, Miss. Martha Lloyd, Miss. Lida Potter, Mr. & Mrs. A. Koch, Mr. & Mrs. T. Capper, Mr. & Mrs. A. Pinnix.

The present pastor is Rev. Guy George.

¶ From account written by Mrs. Bertha (Cawood) Koch, of Perry, Okla., who was a girl of the Potter community, and who further says there was not room inside for all who attended the first Christmas program at the church.

First Baptist * Church of Covington, Oklahoma, stands today as a memorial to the faithful stewardship and personal sacrifices made by its pioneer members, especially Rev. and Mrs. William Casebier, and by those who now carry on its work.

It was organized May 26, 1918, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Casebier, with Rev. Paul Haskins, missionary, opening the conference. A. B. White was moderator, and M. M. Munger, Clerk. Seventeen members were listed on the first roll.

On June 6, 1918, the church met in conference to consider purchasing a site for a church building. G. R. Hartman, George Casebier and Mrs. T. J. Claus were appointed as a committee to locate a site. This committee reported July 13, and the church voted to buy lots No. 7, 8, and 9, block 30, Original Town of Covington, at a cost of \$130.00 each, for a church site. Later lots 10, 11, and 12, block 30, Original Town of Covington, were presented as a gift to the church by one of its members.

* "Historical Sketch of the First Baptist Church" written by Mrs. R. F. Kirkpatrick, Aug. 1949.

The group planned to build a church, so on August 4, 1918, it met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Casebier at the request of T. W. Staton. Reports showed that \$141.00 had been pledged toward a building.

Rev. J. W. Strickland was called as half-time pastor Sept. 21, 1918. He delivered the dedicatory sermon in the new church on December 1, 1918. The belfry and vestibule were added to the original building in 1923.

W. M. Casebier, G. P. Hartman, G. W. Casebier, P. H. Shelton and Mrs. T. J. Claus were elected trustees in January 1919. The first Board of Directors of the church, which was incorporated in January 1919, were H. A. Jordan, Mrs. T. J. Claus, and W. M. and George Casebier.

The first ordination of Deacons was held July 20, 1919, with Rev. J. H. Perkins, missionary, in charge. P. H. Shelton, G. W. Casebier, and H. A. Jordan were ordained. Lee B. Clark and Robert C. Waldron were ordained in 1926; Henry Johnson and Edwin Gyer in 1932; R. F. Kirkpatrick and W. T. Viers in 1941, and Roy Karraker in 1947. The church licensed Victor Woerz in 1934, and Leslie Becker in 1949 to preach the Gospel.

In January 1924,, the church voted to grant the Free Methodist Bretheren the privilege of using the church building for their Sunday School Convention on April 3, 4, and 5.

The church went forward from year to year, adding equipment, increasing in numbers and organizations, improving its facilities under the leadership of Rev. Simmons, Rev. M. M. Munger, Rev. A. J. Sutton, Rev. L. C. Burkett, Rev. J. D. Watkins, Rev. George B. Richardson, Rev. Crofts, Rev. A. W. Hedin, Rev. J. A. Fortner, Rev. Hathcock, Rev. Earl Cleek, and Rev. Allen.

In 1935 a division within the church caused a loss of many members (see Bible Baptist) but missionary King was a great help in this crisis.

In December 1935, Rev. T. J. Felts became full-time pastor. Pastors serving the church since then were Rev. Holt, Rev. Forrest Siler. Rev. L. L. Scott and Rev. A. M. Baker, who is furnished a parsonage which the church purchased in July, 1944, from O. C. Hamlin.

Recent church improvements include the baptistry with oil painting and curtains, choir platform, complete redecoration of the church and installation of Venetian blinds.

Free Methodists * Among the homesteaders of many faiths in the region around and between Fairmont, Covington, Garber and Billings, were some who gathered for awhile at the sod home of Charles Schwitser, while others met at the Elmdale school house, 4 miles West of Garber.

After a revival by Rev. Geo. Cameron, about 1895, some of the Schwitser group became a Free Methodist Salem Class, connected with a similar class at Coldwater, Kan.; and this Salem Class included Louis Lippert, (a former Mennonite from Canada, to whom the Kansas conference issued a license to preach) and his wife and 3 children.

Following a revival by Rev. Allen Andrew, at Elmdale, a Free Methodist class was organized there; and included some of the Salem Class, which had become scattered and discontinued.

At a meeting in Covington with Evangelist J. W. Swan, the members decided to build a church in Covington, and after services in the grade

* Condensed from "History of the Covington Free Methodist Church" furnished by Rev. Cook; and from conversation with Louis Lippert.

school for awhile, a lot in Block 16 (on F St. between 2nd. & 3rd.) was secured, and under supervision of Rev. Swan and the laymen, construction began on a 30 x 40 ft. stuccoed frame building, which was finished during the pastorate of Rev. F. S. Barber.

When the church received its charter, it was separated from the Enid circuit, and for awhile was on the Covington-Garber circuit; with Rev. G. M. Bugg, as first pastor - followed by Rev's. W. E. McWilliams, 1922 & '23, and E. W. Walls, 1924 to 1926 (during which latter time adjoining lots were purchased, and the present parsonage built, under supervision of carpenter O. W. Doods, and dedicated by Rev. J. L. Brown.

Succeeding pastors were Rev's. O. Zimmerman, 1926-27; E. O. Davenport, 1927-29; T. J. Ensey, 1929-30; E. C. Smith, 1930-33; A. R. Martin, 1933-35 (by which latter time the stucco church had been made a frame building) F. C. Johnson, 1935-38; (during his term an annex was added to the East side of the church, and the basement enlarged by W. J. Hileman) Chas. E. Leland, 1938-40; F. S. Barber, 1940-42 (badly burned by a gas explosion that damaged the church in '42)

W. S. Vanderhoofven, 1942-46 (interior of the church decorated during this time); E. M. Martin, 1946-48 (he repainted the church and parsonage after a heavy hail storm); and the present pastor, C. E. Cook.

Among early day members were Mr. & Mrs. Fullerton; Mr. & Mrs Thomas; Mr. & Mrs. (Hattie Thomas) Adam Meinhardt; Ella, Mary, and "Mother" Elliott; Myrtle and Ella Miner; Roy Walter; Edward Wyler; Eva Davis; Emma, Debor and Ellen Anderson.

Among the district elders have been Rev's. R. H. Shoup, W. H. Maddox, and L. E. Cook.

Lay delegates to annual conferences have been Roy Walter, Clarence S. Meinhardt, Louis Lippert, Sidney E. Richey, Inez Peters, Agnes and F. D. Anderson, and Mildred McGuar.

The church has 43 members; a Junior and Senior Sunday School enrollment of 60; Women's Missionary Society; Young People's Missionary Society; and Junior Missionary Society.

Methodist; By Deed acknowledged in Washington County, Arkansas, April 27th 1905, the Frisco Lot and Land Co. conveyed Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, of Block 24, original townsite * or "old" Covington (on North side of D St., between 5th & 6th St's.) to E. W. Stanley, J. B. F. Hunt, J. W. Keltner, Okey J. Conner, G. G. Black, J. F. Pitts, & H. H. Wilson, as trustees of the Montclair Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church ¶.

A small church was then built (John Gyer donating \$100.00) and the building was later enlarged by addition to the East side, by W. M. Bostwick and Chris. Poindexter.

Mrs. J. W. Eggers recalls that Rev. Lay was pastor when she and Mr. Eggers came to Covington in 1908; and other pastors seem to have included Rev's Gingrich, Hestwood, Williams, Brown, Thrasher, Quinn, Lambert, Miller, Ellis, and Albright.

* From data furnished by Blanche (Tobin) Trogen, of the Garfield Co. Register of Deeds office.

¶ According to abstract quoted by Leland Miller, of Covington.

Mrs. Eggers and Mrs. Hattie Blandford say a Sunday School was organized by Mrs. Lucy Hubbard and Mrs. Jennie Blandford.

The church has 100 or so members; with Rev. Bill Hestwood, Pastor; Mar. Harriet Hamm, Supt. of Primary Sunday School; Leland Miller, Supt. of Adult S. S.; Mrs. Eva Hunter, S. S. Sec'y; G. A. Tucker, Mrs. Eva Hileman, and Mrs. George Barnard, S. S. teachers.

Lack of available record makes this account brief, and some names may be more or less mis-spelled; but scant record has nothing to do with such orthographic deficiency as the bungled spelling of Washington County (line 1, page 101) by the publisher, whose negligent attention must have been goofily wandering elsewhere.

United Bretheren in Christ: of Hayward, was organized april 15, 1914, by Rev. F. P Hawley. The board of trustees were George Hougland, Lewis Powell and Chris Rasmussen.

The present church building was erected during the pastorates of Shapell and Fooshee, 1926 - 27; and the parsonage was built during the pastorate of J. F. Keith, 1919-20

Pastors and their time have been Rev's. L. A. Cottril, 1915; D. L. Doub, 1916-18; J. F. Keith, 1919-20; J. M. Tressenriter, 1921; Mrs. J. B. Coulson, 1922-24; Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Shappell, 1925-26; W. J. Fooshee, 1927-29; C. A. Strickland, 1930-31; Thomas McDonald, 1932-33; Marvin Monroe, 1934; D. L. Doub, 1935-36; Roy E. Trent, 1937-39; Frank Bartelson, 1940; Frank R. Wood, 1941-42; B. H. Hall, 1943; Earl Wick, 1944; W. Eugene Kay, since 1945.

In November of 1946, the Evangelical and United Brethren churches merged, taking the name of Evangelical United Bretheren (see Pleasant Hill.)

The present trustees are Lloyd Kapka, Delmar Walton, Clyde Kime, G. L. Ward and Cora Hougland.

The foregoing account was written by Rev. Kay:- and information from Mrs. Cora Hougland is that the first church was a Methodist-Protestant, in the N. E. corner of the townsite, which church was later re-built by the same denomination, where the U. B. is, and afterward again torn down and material from it used in construction of the present U. B. Church: to which chimes were added in 1949.

Mrs. Bonnie Kapka, a Sunday School teacher there, says other teachers are Mrs. Iris Thompson, Mrs. Jack Black, Mrs. Lucile Sylvester, Mrs. Geo. Thompson, Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Cora Hougland:- and Lucile Sylvester reports there are 82 members, with Bonnie Kapka, church Treas.; Mrs. Clarence Ward, S.S. Treas.; Mrs. Geo. Thompson, S. S. Pres.; Geo. Thompson, S. S. Supt.; Peggy Chelf, S. S. Sec'y; Loretta Chelf and Bonnie Kapka, Song Leaders; Almeda Ward and Wilda Craig, Pianist; Mrs. Clara Harvey, Pres. Ladies Aid; Gains Hotson, Clarence Ward and Clyde Kime, Stewards; Clarence Sylvester, State Pres Evang. U. B. Brotherhood; Mrs. Merle Forshee, W. S. W. S. Pres.

Christian denomination first met in a community sod house, built by John & Tommy Gyer, Will Beard, Edgar Kelly and others, for interdenominational use, with Rev. Dahiel Duncelberger, in late 1895 or early 1896.

Soon thereafter some members bought a small building at Perry and moved it to where the Covington cemetery now is; and about a year later the building was moved to Covington, just South of the present location, on lots given the church by the town board.

About 1912 the building was sold, and for two years services were held in the grade school; then during the next four years the church was without any organization, until in the spring of 1918 a small group started a class, which held Sunday School in a theatre (Osmus ?) near the present Methodist Church.

A year later the group moved to the Masonic Hall; then from 1921 to 1925 there was again no active organization.

August 30, 1925, the church was reorganized, under direction of Rev. A. O. Smith, pastor of the Central Christian church of Enid, assisted by Mr.

and Mrs. C. A. Denny of Enid, at a tent meeting on 'Main' (C^d) Street.

The present building (on Block 27, North side of D, and West side of 2nd St.) was planned and supervised by evangelist M. M. Moss, at a cost of about \$5,500.00, besides donated help, and was dedicated Nov. 29, 1925, by Rev. D. Y. Donaldson, with Rev. Moss, acting pastor.

The first pastor at the new location was Rev. Carl V. Covey, followed by Edwin Michael, for 2 years. Then Ralph Vecey served 5 months, and Claud R. Ingram for a year, after which there was a vacancy; until in 1933 Rev. John N. Reeves came for nearly 2 years; and was succeeded by Hugh Busby, almost 2 years; Earl Boatman, 2 years; Robert Austin, about a year; and among the pastors from then on were Rev's. Faust Mathews, Jimmie Christien, Truce Luellen, Jean Moore, Lee Acoff, Gordon Masters and the present pastor Jean Wiley.

This chapter mostly taken from history written by Ben O. Palmer and Mrs. L. L. Cain.

Oilfield Assembly of God: Was on S. W. 1-4 Sec. 13 (owned by Wm. Shobe in 1906) Lincoln Twp. (East side of Hg'y 64) until in 1949 services were moved to another building in Garber.

Our Church: (Oil field - Methodist) on S. E. Corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 24 Lincoln Twp.

Church:- Anglo Saxon; Circe, Cirice, Cyrce. Greek; Kurikon. English; Chirche, Chyrche, Gherche, Churche. Scotch; Kirk, Kirke, Kyrke. Dutch: Kerk. Swiss; Kyrka: Iceland; kirkja. A place of worship, a congregation or denomination. The whole of all such bodies.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League % (L. W. M. L.) of Fairmont:- was organized in 1942, to do missionary work at home and abroad: and officers are Mrs. Herman Meyer, President; Mrs. Hubert Loesch, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Arthur Niehus, Sec'y. Mrs. Walter Helberg, Treasurer.

Lutheran Ladies Aid % of Fairmont:- Began in 1928, and now has as officers, Mrs. C. A. Gibson, President; Mrs. Louise Taylor, vice Pres.; Mrs Chris Froemming, Secretary; Mrs. Fred Gragert, Treasurer.

% From members of the organizations.

CLUBS

Covington East Side Club; ¶ was organized on Feb. 18, 1926, with eight members, including Mrs. Hayden Clack, Mrs. Alec Cain, Mrs. Eddie Hawkins; and Mrs's George Hise & Bertha Fischer, both of whom are still active.

We now have 20 members. and our club is on the East side of Garfield County; rather spread out, but we get together every 2nd and 4th wednesday of each month.

We have had a Family Party each month; also yearly Christmas gift exchange and supper.

We have given donations to Red Cross, Cancer Fund and March of Dimes, and any other needy association or family. We sent a boy to Stillwater last year, and have selected another for this year.

We give each married boy or girl in the club family a wedding gift; and flowers to immediate family on bereavement, and a gift to members when ill. We also had a Golden Wedding gift for Mr. & Mrs. John Hodges, Sr.

We are very proud of our club even if we do not participate in all county and State affairs.

¶ As given by Mrs. Ted Schmitz.

Rose Unit of Garden Clubs: * The first affiliated Garden Club of Covington was organized at the home of Mrs. H. L. Burgess, Oct. 28, 1934. Other charter members were Mrs's. John Starkel, Pres.; Geo. Wehmeir, Vice Pres.; J. B. Cassody, Sec'y; A. E. Wilkins, Cor. Sec'y; E. D. Clodfelter, Treas.; R. C. Barnard, Parl'mt'n; G. M. Shields, R'ptr; C. W. Easley; Nora Groom; Wm. Hartz; J. M. Eggers and Ella Burch.

Affiliation with the North Central District and the National Garden Club was completed March 3, 1930, and Mrs. Starkel was appointed District Chairman of Publicity, and served two years, during which time several hundred shrubs and trees were planted, and members brought flower seed to meetings for free distribution.

Sept. 1939 Mrs. Easley became President, and the club adopted improvement of the school ground as its project, giving proceeds from the sale of Traveling Baskets of food, as suggested by Mrs. E. D. Clodfelter. That winter the Rose Unit and Mrs. L. W. Johnson of Blackwell helped organize the Iris Unit, with Mrs. L. J. Butts as President, and the new club adopted beautification of the city park as its project.

May 13, 1940, the Rose and Iris units made a yard "pilgrimage" over Covington, and it was estimated that due to club activities 500 trees and shrubs were planted in the town that year. In 1941 the Rose Unit sponsored a Bird House contest by Grade School pupils, and gave prizes for some of of the 47 entries.

Jan. 6, 1942 the Rose Unit adopted the slogan "Vegetables for Vitamins and Victory", and Sept. 1942, decorated Starkel Hall for a box supper to stimulate sale of War Bonds; and during this month all members took their turn selling War Stamps and Bonds.

Mrs. Wilmot became President Sept. 1942, and the club gave income from the sale of Halloween corsages for the school carnival, to the PTA; and contributed flower seed to the Grade School Flower Bed contest, sponsored by Mrs. Paul Voigt.

Beginning Sept. 7, 1943, Mrs. Elmer Estill was President for two years. Feb. 1, 1944, the Rose and Iris clubs united as the Rose Unit; and in March members gave plants to the Future Homemakers, to assist them with their garden project.

Then the Rose Unit co-operated with the Com-

munity Club in the erection of a High School memorial honoring war service men and women of Covington community; and Feb. 1945, added \$218.00 from a White Elephant sale and public dinner.

Sept. 4, 1945, Mrs. Shields became President; and \$918.00 was added to the memorial fund from a sale of food contributed by Covington residents and served by the club at a Perry Carlyle sale.

Jan. 7; 1947 Mrs. Ellis Cutter was made President; and the club sponsored a Box Supper at the Masonic Hall Jan. 21; 1947, that brought \$113.63, which with donations of \$36.50, was spent to establish a Roadside Garden at the highway intersection South of Covington, at a cost of \$142.00, for a planting of American and Chinese Elm, arbovitae, Golden Bell, Pine & Red Bud; and the fund was replenished with \$111.87 from Club sale of dinner at the Houghtun Farm Sale, and \$75.00 from dinner at the Cutter Machine Shop Sale.

* Reduced from carefully written record by Mrs. Glara Starkel, Club Historian.

Quest Study Club: ¶ of Covington, was organized Jan. 13, 1938, at the home of Mrs. Homer Hudson, for Club study and civic improvement; and has established and maintained the public Library (see page 71)

Charter members were Mrs's. H. W. Amis, Manley Bailey, W. M. Bostwick, L. J. Butts, Edward Creeey, D. D. Geyman, W. J. Hileman, Homer Hudson, Frank Mumford, J. W. Pickard, W. B. Snyder John Starkel and Herman Harms.

And the present members are Mrs's. H. W. Amis, W. A. Barron, LeRoy Brandon, L. J. Butts, Frank Goodnight, Leonard Hollar, Neal Hummel, Ray Johnson, Kenneth Kirkpatrick, Leroy LeForce, Leland Miller, L. N. Rowe, Joe Shelton, W. B. Snyder, T. A. Soliday, G. A. Tucker.

¶ From depiction by Mrs. H. W. Amis.

As get-togethers for most any and everything from revolution to social chit-chat, clubs seem to go back at least to the Anglo Saxon **Cleofen**, which became English **Clubbe**, some of which "had a balloting box, and balloted how things should ba carried (done?)" and often met at taverns and coffee houses.

Merry Matrons. ¶ of Covington: was organized in 1911, and meets on the First and Third Wednesday of each month, at the homes of members; who now are:

Mrs's. Emma Bateman, Earl Blandford, Ethel Burton, E. D. Clodfelter, Luella Eggers, Elmer Estill, Louise Melvin, George Wehmeier, Maurice Farquharson, Wallace Smith, Joe Shelton, C. W. Easley.

Pollyanna Club: * of Covington; was organized Jan. 24, 1936 — meets the first Wednesday of each month — and the members are Mrs's. Ethyl Cutter, Amanda Barrett, W. H. Deck, Vena Malloy, Junita Meise, Delore Powell, Rennie Redwine, Emma Swain, Virgie Ward, Minnie Willison, Maxine Sattler, Lela Goodnight Elva Hunter.

¶ Information furnished by Mrs. Easley.

* As given by Mrs. Willison.

P A Q (Piece a Quilt) Club of Covington: organized about 1934: Met all day on Wednesdays, to piece quilts, and have dinner.

Members were * Mrs's. Iva Brink, W. L. Coberley, Clo Harmon, Ora Duncan, R. W. Willison, R. C. Mitchell, Jessie Bowers, Earl Fagen, Bert Saxton, Grace Weldon, W. H. Perrin, Grace Clapsaddle, and Charlie Poling.

Thimble Club ¶ of Covington: Members are Mrs's. Mamie Fitzgerald, Luella Eggers, C. W. Burton, Chas. Myers, W. T. Cowell, Mary Hoy, Myrtle Gibson, Irene Peterson, W. B. Hotson, Carrie Alley. W. W. Smith — and Thimble clubbers also have a Birthday Club among themselves.

Rcd Cross. Organized in 1943: Mrs — Cain, Chm'n; Mrs. Lela Wilkins, Home Service Chm'n, and Surgical Dressing Chm'n. after Mrs. Nadine Fry, who led the Home Nursing Class; Amanda Shoemaker, Garment Department Chm,n.; Mrs.

* Names given by Mrs. Willison.

¶ With help from Mrs. Carrie Alley.

Wm. Bostwick, then Mrs. Snyder, Knitting Chm'n; Mrs. L. J. Butts, Sec'y; Mrs. Joe Geller, Treas.:- and the Covington order made 207 garments and 36.075 Surgical dressings. *

Otter Valley ¶ Farm Women's Club: for Sewing, Cooking, Canning, Gardening, Etc. From 1926 to 1943. First members were Mrs's. — Casto, W. Perrin, J. W. Leser, Fannie Eisele, Grace Johnson, Augusta & Miss Anna North, C. F. Hubbard, Lena Gopfert, Hanna Schifflet:- and later members were Mrs's. Howard Harrington, Foster & E. V. Harrington, Bert Hayes, Hope Weber, Rose Seely, Rose Swaim, Wm. & Dona Dougherty, Ethel Hubbard, Mae Leser, Helen Wagner, Mary Overholt, Laura Wolf, Beatrice Reisner, Joe Miller, Evelyn Krausse, Ethmer Hueppelsheuser, Audine Eisele, Pauline Fraiser, Pearl Dunlap, Emma Swaim, Jessie Leser, Wilma Potter, Frank Gardner, Gerry Thrasher.

* As given by Mrs. Wilkins.

¶ Told by Mrs. Bert Hayes.

Bon Temps: of Covington: * are Mrs's. Howell Ward, Louise Melvin, Maurice Farquharson, A. J. Pope, A. H. Squires, G. A. Brown, G. H. Moff, C. W. Easley, A. E. Wilkins, Emma Bateman, Harold Amis, James Fitzgerald, G. M. Shields.

Sunshine (Canning, Sewing Etc.) Club ¶ of Hayward: Members are Mrs's. Gus. Johnson, Roy Alexander, Clara Harvey, Dora Miller, George Thompson. Aline Hise, Dora Kienholtz, G. LeGrand, Beatrice Winters, Dwight Griesel, Theresa Schultz.

Bethel Boosters: ¶ (Sewing, Canning, Fair Exhibits Etc.) Oigavized in 1946, with Mrs. E. W. Murphy, Pres.; Mrs. J. M. Phares, Sec'y.; and Mrs's. E. G. & Bernice Clodfelter, Rene & — Wilkin, Della & F. G. Bennett, Ted Olmstead, C. J. Schminke. And other officers and members are Mrs. L. O. Fhares, Pres.: Mrs. Lloyd Miller, V. P.; Mrs. Della Bennett, Sec'y.; and Mrs's. Walter & E. J. Clodfelter, Chas. Ward, E. E. Branen, H. D. Murphy.

* From Mrs. Moff.

¶ by Dora Miller.

Evergreen Club; * For maintainance of Douglas Cemetary;- and has also given 8 boxes of shoes and other clothing to the Salvation Army, gave a scholarship to A & M College, canned 1100 quarts of fruit, vegetables, pickles & preserves. papered 16 rooms, made 14 pair of drapes and curtains; Etc.; and are making plans for a community building, and a booth at the Garfield County fairs

Members are Mrs's. Emma & Lena Hollar, Minnie & Edmond Peters, Helen Felix. Chas. Franks, May Dunlap, — Baylor. Doris Bocox, Melva Woodson, Flo Dievert, Lita Pownell. Lou Atterbury, — Wehling.

Lotus: Club ¶ Organized by Rebacce's in 1933 and members now are Mrs's. Emma Long, Edith Bear, Dora Gibson, — Keltner, Edna Childs - Burton, Bell Fair, Kate Carl, Jas. Swindler, Laura Faries, - Adkins, May Huffman, Cora Johnson, Melisa Burton, L. Huffman, Mestal Morton, May & Edda Adeberry, - Baker, Grace Blakley and Mable Payne.

* Furnished by Mrs. Atterbury.

¶ Contributed by Mrs. Baker.

Merry Matrons; of Douglas % are; Mrs's. Cleo-
ta Rodgers, Dora Gibson, Ruth Mosley Ruth
Adeberry, Loreta Downing, Iran LeGrand, Eva
Page, Mary Boepple, B. Woodard, Myrtle
Dulaney, Ruth Mosley,

Hopewell Club of Douglas. * Organized March
29, 1929. Members are Mrs's. Harold & Joel
Brown, Kurt & Albert Krauese, Louis Dunn,
Carl Weber, Art. Christiansen, George Johnson
Fannie LeGrant and Henry VanHousen, and
charter members Mrs's. Wright Downing and
Ora Weldon.

Fair View Club: of Douglas ¶ Organized Feb.
1927; with charter members Mrs's. Jessie Avery,
Lola Carl. Viola Snyder, A. D. Deering, Orlie
Adams, Lucy Ruckman, Chas. Hasbrook: and
subsequent memembers are Mrs's. Cora Adams,
Dora Baker, Ruby LeGrand, Charlotte Morris,
Vera Herrean, Anna Fox, Gleuna Pryor, Lela
Robinette, Glenda Williams, Lottie Swiggert,
Fannie Snyder.

% From Mrs. Wilson, * ¶ By Mrs. Downing

Clark-Perrin Post No. 305 of the American Legion of Covington (as given by Leland H. Miller) was so named after Bruce Clark, a veteran of World War No. 2, and Jack Perrin, of World War 1: organized Feb. 1946, with Cecil M. Rogers, Commander; Edward R. Willison, Adjutant; Leland H. Miller, Finance Officer; and C. D. Tucker, Service Officer.

August 1946, the Post bought the Wehmeier Hatchery building, and Dec. 1948, sold it to Maurice Farquharson, then bought the J. P. De-Board carpenter shop and lots 13, 14, 15 & 16, of block 3, Covington, for a hut; and present officers are Frank N. Hyde, Commander; Edward R. Litton, Adjutant; Leland H. Miller, Finance Officer; and LeRoy Brandon, Service Officer.

Some Club and other accounts were written with pencil on most anything from napkins to wall paper, in dim script somewhat short of Spencerian perfection, and more like the scratches of a rheumatic chicken; and not entirely comprehensible to the "Igernamus" publisher: so some names may be mis-spelled: but with thanks to our helpful contributors, and apology to any victims of typographic error, we will "proceed to proceed" to the next something or other.

Old Settlers: ¶ In 1935, Mrs. Lora Cain and R. E. Hoy started a movement for an association of Cherokee Strip * homesteaders and early settlers, and at a picnic dinner attended by 35 early settlers at the Alec Cain farm (the S. E. 1-4 of Sec. 5, Wood Twp.) May 26 of that year; an East Garfield County Pioneer Organization was formed; with A. H. Ellis, Chairman; R. E. Hoy, Secretary; and Mrs. Ora Clack, Historian.

An appointed Program and General Affairs Committee was Mrs. Lora Cain, Chairman; Mrs. Sallie Clack and Mrs. Cora Hougland; and that committee appointed Mrs's. Gus Hueppel-

¶ Mostly from the memory of Mrs. Cain; and the records os Sec'y Hoy.

* Or more exactly, the "Cherokee Outlet" of the Indian Territory Cherokees to Westward hunting grounds — the "Strip" being, as defined by Geo. Rainey in "The Cherokee Strip", a Kansas tract 2 & 46-100 miles wide and 276 miles long, between the Osage Reservation in Kansas as surveyed in 1837, and the Southern boundary of Kansas as later located; — which strip Murray was said to have said he would have claimed for Oklahoma if he had known the facts when he was Governor.

sheuser, Etta Hawkins and Bertha Fischer to manage various details of the work.

It was decided to meet the following September on the Gus. Hueppelsheuser 80 (the N. 1-2 of the Silas R. Kean S. E. 1-4 of Sec. 8, Wood Twp.) and the next meeting was also there, after which the gatherings have since been in a grove on the Hueppelsheuser farm 1-2 mile south of that place, and 3 miles East of Covington.

A Register is kept of those attending the annual September meetings, and entertainment is furnished by local talent and visitors from other parts of the County and beyond (until her death in 1948, "Sukie" Reed came from Enid wearing an old-time Mother Hubbard dress: on the grounds in 1938 "Red" Taylor had a covered wagon and camp equipment, and lunch of corn bread, beans and coffee was served from the wagon, in pie tins and tin cups, by Ada Thomas and Lora Cain, wearing pioneer sunbonnets and calico dresses.

"Mick" Rasmussen and wife of Blackwell usually attend, and she helps with excellent singing:

as also has the John Allen family: and instrumental music by Ronald Hunsecker and others: while other contributions have included readings by Ida Oldberg and Frank Taggart: recitations Bessie Truett, and poetry and song by Joe Gibson and Rube Spencer: and talks by Ross Rizley, W. L. Helton, Chas. Britton, Harry Horner, and Laura Crews.

Local citizens with no part in the program, help in many ways - Wallace Hueppelsheuser, Walter Viers, Aurthur Fischer and others get the grounds ready, bring tables, etc., and many others assist in various ways: while some far away former residents have attended at different times (wlth no map on hand, or anything to go by, it was once difficult to decide whether Mrs. McMahan from Oregon, or a guest from California was entitled to the prize for having come the farthest - or furthest).

The first officers have been succeeded by F.V. Ellis and Garfield Culbertson, Chairmen: Mrs. Fred Goldsbury and Mrs. Alice Culbertson, Sec'y-Treas.: Ferrol E. Butts, Historian.

Rainbow Girls % Covington Assembly No. 168, sponsored by the Covington Order of the Eastern Star, was organized June 6, 1947, with 25 members, including Haroldine Amis (who was also the first Worthy Advisor, and appointed Grand Nature of the Grand Assembly at Guthrie, June 1949) Wanda Avery, Bereice Creecy, Helen Congdon, Helen Sue Campbell, Mary Jane Downing, Donna Ruth Edwards, Nona Lee Gay, Helen Gumm, Vivian Horton, Patsy Hunter, Marjorie Hileman, Jean Lee Henry, Elizabeth Krausse, Deloris Krausse, Joy Moff, Doris McLaren, Ralene Nichols, Janice Perrin, Erla Jean Reich, Virginia Sowles, Opal Spillman, Roberta Woodson, Wanda Ward and Velois Wolf.

Like the many others of its kind, the Assembly is intended as a helpful character builder for girls between the ages of 13 and 20, and meets in the Masonic Hall the first and third Monday of each month.

% From data furnished by Mrs. Rose Amis, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star in 1944-45, and first Mother Advisor of the Covington Assembly.

Tri - Community Home Demonstration Club was organized in Enid, Nov. 10, 1949, at Don Paul Cafeteria, by the North Enid Junior Thrift Club. It was the 63rd club of its kind in Garfield Co., and there were 8 members:- Mrs. Lowell Mahaffey, President; Mrs. Charles Peters, Vice Pres.: Mrs. George Staerkel, Sec'y-Treas.; Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Reporter; Mrs. William Wagner, Card & Flower Committee; Mrs. Evert Diveley, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Debor Anderson; all of Fairmont; and Mrs. Fred Wolf, Sr. of Covington.

The first meeting was Dec. 14, at the home of Mrs. Arthur Anderson. Dec. 29, we organized the Otter Valley Club, at Elmdale School House, at which time Mrs. Anderson became a member, and Mrs. Fred Wolf, Sr. became Reporter for the new Tri-Community Club.

Our motto is "Do a good deed today for tomorrow may be too late".

Jan. 27, Tri - Community Club organized a new club for Lone Star community, in the home of Mrs. Geo. Staerkel, with Mrs. J. P. Staerkel, Pres.; Mrs. Oscar Kimmell, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Eldo Staerkel, Secy-Treas. Mrs. Ted. Schweer, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Elmer Heim, Reporter;

Mrs. A. A. Durham, Mrs. Earl Gregg. Mrs. H. L. Windler, Mrs. Edward Novy, Jr., Mrs. Delmer Skidmore. Miss. Carol Shinn of Enid, outlined the program for the coming year.

Community Club ¶ Was organized Feb. 11, 1941, "for the promotion of the town of Covington as the trade and educational and recreational center of the community"; and the first officers were G. A. Tucker, President; H. L. Burgess, Vice President; A. L. Cowell, Secretary; Mrs. Harve Wadley, Treasurer; Elmer Estill, Chairman Board of Directors and Executive Manager.

Regular meetings are the second Tuesday of each month: and present officers are C. W. Easley, President; Gordon Brown, Vice Pres.; Frank Hyde, Secretary; and Leland Miller, Treasurer.

¶ From the Covington Record, and President Easley, who also says there are about 95 members; and "\$1,000,000.00 in the treasury - more or less".

Canning Center: was started in the summer of 1943, with Alva T. Hill, Supervisor, and Mrs. Una Voigt, Instructor. Was in the building where the Diveley Motor Co. now is at C & 3rd., and was later moved to the Grade School, with Mrs. Edw'd Creecy, Instructor, in 1945; then closed in 1947, and some of the equipment put in the Junior High School cafeteria.

Boy Scouts: Troop No. 42 was organized June 21 - 29 1925: with Lee Cline, Scoutmaster; Bill Vane, Patrol Leader; Bill Stafford, Asst. Patrol Leader; Mark Curtis, Scribe: Loren Groom, First Aid; Cecil Perrin, Treasurer.

The Troop later dissolved, and was re-organized Oct. 1948; and according to former Scoutmaster Cline, among Scoutmasters have also been Rev. Cook, Leonard Hollar, Frank Hyde, and Norman Lane: while some Den Mothers have been Mrs's Joe Ben Cassody, Ethyl Cutter, Myrtle Gibson, Edith Snyder: and some Den Dads were H. C. Collier, Ellis Cutter, John Edmonston, Cecil Perrin.

And according to Scout officer Joe Shelton, some of the various kinds are Air, 1st Class, 2nd Class, Bear, Cub, Eagle, Explorer, Life, Seal, Senior, Star, Tenderfoot.

COVINGTON—GARBER OIL FIELD

After a dry well (duster) had been drilled S. E. of Garber, the field began in September 1916, with a producing well on the N. E. 1-4 of the R. E. Hoy N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 25, Twp. 22 (Lincoln) homesteaded by Henry Winslow, and leased by Hoy to Bert Garber, who sold the lease to Chanutte Refining Co., from which it went to Garfield Oil & Gas, which struck oil at 1130 feet in the "Hoy" sand: then assigned the lease, in 1918, to Exchange Oil Co.: which transferred it in 1922, to Sinclair Oil & Gas, of which the Garfield and Exchange were subsidiaries.

Drillers of the Hoy were Ira Peterson and Bill Drumm, with tool dressers George Peterson and Lesteter Shira; and the flow became 65 barrels per day (at first worth 50c a barrel) reduced to 10 barrels in 1950.

The field finally covered most of a 15 square mile area from about 3 miles East from just West of Highway 64 by some 5 miles North to Garber from somewhat South of the Hoy; with around 400 wells, to depths of from 1,130 to 5,000 feet, in 17 sands at many depths.

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Laura E. Crews, homestead owner of the W. 1-2 of S. E. quarter, and the E. 1-2 of S. W. quarter of Sec. 30, Olive Twp.; writes of the Hoy "— At a depth of 800 feet, they struck a pocket of gas. The drill penetrated deeper, and on the morning of Sept. 1, 1916, word went out they had struck oil. Great excitement prevailed. People came from far and near. Said driller Peterson 'They are crowding around so thick that I can't spit without spitting on someone'. It was a great sight. The black Gold bubbling up out of the ground resembled an old fashioned kettle of boiling soap. Then, all of a sudden the oil would shoot up over the derrick. Many an onlooker had his clothes liberally sprayed with oil."

And she further writes "Sinclair had not drilled many wells until H. H. Champlin leased the Geo. Beggs farm, one-half mile West of the Hoy, on condition that the 'delay' rental of \$1.00 an acre per year, be paid semi-annually, but clerks in the oil office overlooked the matter, and when the Company failed to so pay, suit was brought to have the lease forfeited, but Champlin finally won after a long contest. He then commenced drilling, and got a producer in record time, 18 days".

“In the spring of 1918, the oil company moved a rotary rig to the Crews Estate lease - the Jim Crews homestead, and one morning as the drillers were pulling out their tools, a rush of gas blew oil 75 feet or more above the 80 foot derrick.”

“The Healdton Oil Co. purchased the N. E. 40 acres of the Belveal farm (N. E. 1-4 Sec. 24, Lincoln Twp.) and got a big producer at 4,400 feet. Sinclair immediately staked an offset well on the adjoining Schroder lease and it flooded surrounding leases before it could be brought under control. This quarter section produced more dollars worth of oil than any other known 160 acres in the world. At its peak, the 1-8 royalty netted \$286,000 per month. The oil in the Garber pool was of high gravity, and commanded a premium above the posted market price, and though it has been 34 years since the first well was brought in, there is still some production; and in the words of oil jargon, it is a ‘stripper field’”.

“In 1920, the casinghead gasoline plant was built, storage tanks erected, and gathering lines laid from the wells to the plant. At first they manufactured casinghead gasoline, but later enlarged the plant and made propane and butane gas”.

Some other of the various operators in the field were Carter Oil, Champlin Refinery, Cities Service, Empire Oil, Imo Oil, Mid Continent, Minahoma, Ozark Pipeline, Pepper Refinery (plant at S. W. corner of West Covington - q. v.) Producers Supply, Rabbit Foot Oil, Shell Oil.

Businesses along the Olive-Lincoln Twp. line, from the S. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 25, to the "Four Corners" at N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 24, Lincoln, was "Stringtown"; and among the places so located at various times, were;-

K. K. (Kygar & Kygar) Grocery: on North bank of Black Bear creek, near S. E. corner of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 24, Lincoln Twp.; from John Mashburn and — Tennyson to Wallie Crawford, to Tim Shields, to Frank Atwood, to Frank Wetzell, to Frank Kygar, and changed to K.K. Closed in 1950.

"Aunt John" Grother Grocery: North of and near K K Grocery.

Wilson Grocery: A little North of Grother Grocery until Wilson bought, and moved to Grothers.

Sallie Rhodus Grocery & Oil Station; at N. W. corner of Four Corners.

Ruth Bateman Beauty Shop: In home near N. W. corner of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 19, Olive Twp. (East of church and school).

Hamburger Stand: By Mrs. Frank Brandon and Mrs. Kygar; across highway East of Grother Grocery.

Sinclair Refinery: Near N. W. corner Sec. 30, Olive. (at crossroads, and on N.W. corner of same quarter were 32 rural mail boxes)

J. G' Huntington Barber Shop: Near N. E. corner N. E. 1-4 Sec. 30, Olive Twp (also a — Lott Barber Shop somewhere in the field).

Lucy LeRoy Rooms & Restaurant: Some South and West of N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 25, Lincoln Twp. (Hoy Lease).

Sinclair Machine Shop, Warehouse, Garage and Office: near N. E. corner of above Hoy lease.

Ice Plant: John Bateman.

Ward Oil & Gas: S. E. corner S E. 1-4 Sec. 24, Lincoln Twp.

Tom Shores Grocery; South of Black Bear and North of section line. about 1-4 mile West of Ward Oil.

Knox Oil Station: since about 1920, West side of Highway 64, N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 35, Lincoln Twp.

Durheim Oil Station: East side of Hg'y 64, S. W. corner S. W. 1-4 Sec. 25, Lincoln - 3 miles North of South side of Covington.

John Myer Oil Station: was across section line North of Knox. Later sold to Tim Shields.

Sinclair Oil Station: East side of 64, 1 mile South of Y, by Ard? Brannan and Oran Wilson. Gone.

O. G. & F. Station: West Side of 64, 1-8 mile South of Y.

Champlin Oil Station: at Y turn in Hg'y 64 (6 miles North of Covington - 3 South of Garber) was built by O. D. Herron in 1936. Ran 5 years by P.M. Tuttle, then went to Champlin, and Mr. Tuttle is running it now.

Feed Mill: South Side of 64, and just West of Y. Put up by Lee Manning, under a 25 year lease which expired in 1928. Operated by O. D. Herron, for custom grinding and mixing of dairy and poultry feeds, and sale of Dr. Hess products.

Restaruant and Oil Station: near, and West of Mill; Built by Mr. & Mrs. August Simmering: Now operated by Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Dole.



Our Church: Was built in 1919-20, on the N. E. corner of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 24, Lincoln Twp., for inter-denominational use, by oil field employees and other residents.

Sinclair School: was built with funds from Harry Sinclair, of Sinclair Oil and Gas, on the S. W. corner of N. W. 1-4 Sec. 19, Olive Twp. (then in Dist. 72.); and was added to Covington district in 1950.

The following persons are among those who have given much of this chapter, but any mistake, if any, is perhaps ours instead of theirs.

Mrs. Ruth Bateman, and B. B. Bateman, who has worked 33 years for Sinclair, and is now an engineer at the Sinclair plant: Frank Brandon, Covington Marshall, and Deputy Sheriff, who died when he returned home from his nightly vigil about town, and while this footnote was being set.- an honorable man, and a dutiful officer: Sam Drake, who worked with

his brother-in-law, William McKinley Wilson, at Wilson Grocery (page 131) in 1922-23-24: John Hudspeth, who helped build the second oil rig, then was a gauger, and did "every other kind of work" during his 12 years in the field: Mrs. Edith Kygar, daughter of Enos and Amanda Vaughn, who homesteaded the N: W 1-4 Sec. 11, Wood Twp., and Frank Kygar (see K K Grocery) whose father, Daniel Kyger, 'took' the S. W. of 2, Wood, then relinquished to his son Clint, who relinquished to David Thornton, who sold to I. F. Donoho: L. N. Rowe, Production Supt. for Imo oil Co. for 23 years, until 1950. Enos Vaughn, brother of Mrs. Kygar: R. W. Willison, driller in the field for 28 years.

Though petroleum (Latin rock oil - *petra*, rock, & *oleum*, oil) at various times and places also called "Burning Water, Barbados Tar - a thick black variety, Earthbalsam, Quinus's Oil, Liquid Bitumen, Rangoon Oil, Seneca Oil - used by Seneca and other Indians, American Medical Oil" etc., taken from springs and streams since ancient times; and later gathered by soaking it into blankets spread on oily water, then the oil wrung out, and the bottled product sold by enterprising hawkers* as a tonic for "liver, lights and lungs":

* For tax purposes, British hawkers are those who sell from vehicles, while peddlers go on foot.

After further collection of some oil from natural and dug pits, about the first oil well seems to have been drilled on Oil creek, near Titusville, Pennsylvania, in 1859, by E. L. Drake, for the Seneca Oil Co.. to a depth of 69 feet (with, says Chas. Meise - the walking beam * across the fork of a tree rig) and a flow of 25 barrels a day.

Outside the oil field, April, 1951, in Reed Twp., is the Decker well, on N. W. Sec. 12; Casteel, on S. W. Sec. 12; Peters, N. E. Sec. 11; and Brown, on N. E. 10: and the Powell wells, in Lincoln Twp. on S. E. 27, and N. E. 34: While in the old field, a Reynolds well was put down on the S. W. of 18 Olive Twp.

* Mart Wolf and Clyde Allen explain that before rotary drills were used in Oklahoma, "Standard" rigs had a heavy horizontal "Walking beam" that arose and fell as it chugged the drill up and down, while the driller turned it back and forth with a cross bar attached to the cable suspending the drill from one end of the beam: and back of the driller was a "headache post" set in the ground, so if the beam broke loose, it would fall on the post instead of the driller's cranium, and give him a headache.



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OIL FIELD

1	6	5	4	3	2	1
12	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	18	17	16	15	14	13
Lincoln	19	20 Olive Twp.	22	23	24	
25	30	29	28	27	26	25
36	31	32	33	34	35	36
Otter 1	6	5 Wood Twp.	3	2	1	
12	7	8	9	10	11	12

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Covington

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	Otter Twp. - 21 N. R. 4 W.				13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	Reed Twp. - 20 N. R 4 W.				13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	Wood Twp. -21N- R. 3 W.				13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36
6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	Marshall Twp. - 20 N. R 3 W.				13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

BUS LINES

After some irregular passenger service, to anywhere via autos that went only when somebody wanted to travel, and run by private owners, who did not need a car license until 1916 (at a cost of 50c per horsepower, A L or A M rating, for the first year, 40c per h. p. the 2nd year, 30c the 3rd, and 20c thereafter - the power usually being 20 to 30 horse: @ nor a license plate until 1919. or a drivers license before 1937; Bus service seems to include a Mid Continent line from Enid to Guthrie, Red Ball, and Bunce busses, followed by the Missouri, Kansas & Oklahoma, which became the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, from beyond Tulsa to Enid and beyond:- tickets being at various times sold at the Mitchell Garage (now the Holding Apt's) the Pokee Dot Cafe, and Covington Hotel: and an early day driver, D. B. Williamson, is still going to and fro, in this year 1951.

@ After much coming and going on foot (if not before then on 'all fours') the next mentioned way of getting hither and thither, was by camel back, as when, according to Genesis 24, Abraham sent a servant to find a wife for his son Isaac, "The servant took ten camels — and departed", and when a prospect was found, and matrimonial matters discussed with her and her parents, "Rebecca arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man —",

COVINGTON SCHOOLS

"The history of the Covington School antedates the history of the town of Covington by three years. The first school for District 77 was established about one mile West of the present town-site in 1900. It was moved to the present town of Covington soon after establishment of the town, and classes were for a time, held in a church building. In 1906 a small frame building was built on the present grade school site. As the town grew it was necessary constantly to enlarge the school plant. In 1918, the present grade building and a frame annex were constructed. These soon proved to be inadequate for the rapidly expanding enrollment and in 1921 a large high school building was erected on the present high school site. No further changes in the plant occurred until 1945 when a project was inaugurated to memorialize the local Service Personnel who served in World War II.

The Memorial project consisted of a complete redesigning of the High School building, and the addition of a gymnasium and auditorium. The project, sponsored by the Covington Community Club, was financed largely through the cooperat-

ive efforts of practically all organized groups of the town and community and through cash donations of interested citizens.

The Lone Star and Sinclair schools of district 72 were annexed to District 77 in 1947 by a vote of the people in the affected areas. Keystone district and Bethel district were added to the Covington system by an Act of the State Legislature in 1947.”

(H. C. Collier, Sup't. - 1950)

BOEPPLE ADDITION TO COVINGTON

Block 3

Block 2

Block 1

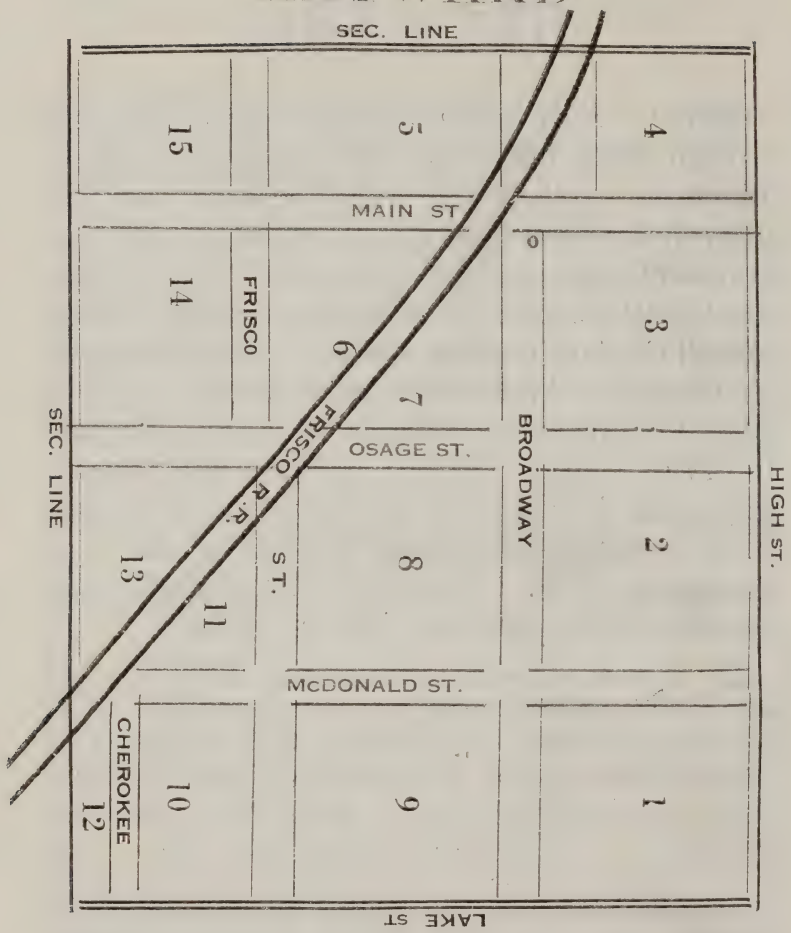
On S.E. corner of Boepple N.E. 1-4 Sec. 11, Otter; added Jan. 1941, 300 x 1093 ft., lots 50 x 140 ft., numbered from 1 in N. E. corner of each block, down to 6, then west to 7, and North to 12; with st's 1 to 4 E. to W.

HAYWARD

Goff:- Also called Ladysmith, after the African town, because of local sympathy for the Boers during their war with England, was not platted, but was on crossroad corners: with 'Art' Hayward store and postoffice, and Elbert Butts blacksmith shop on S. W. corner Sec 26; Milton Powell tin shop on S. E. of 27: — Davis store, N. E. 34; and — Ward store on N. W. 35: but when the Arkansas Valley & Western R. R. (now the Frisco) came through north of the hamlet, Layfayett Abrams, Joe H. Coryell and Samuel A. Hayward bought the S. W. 1-4 of the Cora Hougland S. W. 1-4 Sec. 22, Wood Twp.. and established Hayward @ Jan. 7, 1903.

@ Though not complete, nor exact as to measurements, the outline on next page is a rough copy of the plat on file at Enid. — Blocks 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, have alleys running East & West, with lots running North & South, numbered from 1 to 12 Westward on the North half, and 13 to 24 Eastward on the South half. Lots 1 to 10 of block 4, 1 to 12 of Block 5, 1 to 3 in 6, 1 to 8 in 13, and 1 to 12 of 15, all run East & West, without alleys. 10 lots in block 7, and 11 lots in block 11, also run mostly N. and S: Block 14 has alley running N. & S., with lots E. to W. numbered from 1 S. to 12 on E. half, and 13 to 24 on West side: and block 12 is not divided into lots.

HAYWARD



o Survey stone at center of Broadway and East edge of Main.

Hayward ¶ (for awhile called Bullit by the railroad) did not have a depot until required of the Frisco by the Corporation Commission @ after statehood: but J. H. Coryell and S. A. Hayward (after whom the town was named) soon put in a store ('Sig' Ward and 'Peck' Davis came from Goff, but soon quit) and over the following years other storekeepers (along Broadway) were Wonderly & Lowe. sold to — Phillips?; Lee Myers; L. D. Groom & Hugh Myers, hardware - under

¶ A. B. Brown, who homesteaded the N. E. 1-4 Sec. 6, Marshall Twp., says Hayward was at first to be South of the railroad, on the W. side of the A. R. (Archibald Richard) Butts N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 26, Wood.

@ A Commissioner who came to look things over, was met at Marshall by Geo. Garner, and buggied to Hayward, where the merchants had piled packages taken from the stores, along the track, as though such shipments were common, and when, to emphasize the matter, one of the group asked what would happen to the merchandise if a rain storm came, another scallawag replied 'it would get wet like it always does'; and since the Commissioner was a Democrat, suspicious of all Republicans. he was further encouraged to see the need for a station, when a Republican pretended that local Republicans did not want a depot from dirty Democrats.

the I. O. O. F. hall, on S. W. corner of block 2, until the hall burned; Dave Hotson, produce; S. W. & Mary Derrington; Mr. & Mrs. Shumate, to J. C. & Maud Ellis: Geo. & Cora Hougland (Ellis's, and then Hougland's also had the post-office for awhile).

J. H. Coryell (a fiddler, genius, and postmaster for many years) built the elevator, which he leased to, and operated for. the Perry Milling Co. until his death: after which the business was handled by his nephew-in-law, — Flowers. until he died; then for awhile by John Cordus, for Feuquay Grain Co. of Enid, then sold for taxes.

Blacksmiths, in about the following order, were Elbert Butts, whose mother, Rebecca, was a neighborhood asset in time of need; 'Binz' Derrington, (who told a hopeful candidate "I wouldn't trust a Republican fur as I could throw a bull by the tail") Lester Terril; Dan Moriarty; George Ward; E. A. Correll.

Cashiers of the Farmers & Merchants Bank were — Jahns, — Goodnight, Jas. W. Rich, and C. W. Burton; with U. G. Goe, L. D. Groom, and Leonard Zelle among the directors; and the

depository (repository) was under a charter previously used by - Leffingwell for a Covington bank where Rogers' Grocery now is.

A Cotton Gin on the West side of Block 14 was torn down when the C.W. Burton house was built.

Telephone operators at different times and places were Corbel Cook; Dora Cook (Rasmussen) whose husband 'Mick' was depot agent until transferred to Blackwell; Mrs. Hugh Myers; Jewel Bushorn; Mrs. Severe; and Mrs. — Hill.

Like many other places, the town has been diminished by autos and good roads, and the business places now are Merle and Ralph Forshee's grocery and postoffice; and 'Bud' Thompson's oil and fix-it station, on the S. W. crossroads corner of the town.

The School House was on Block 4, when it burned in 1919 (Maud Ellis, who lived East across Main St., says she saw lightening hit it) and the vacant Shumate store building was then used until the Hayward district was consolidated with parts of other districts into what became Joint Consolidated No. 6, and a two story schoolhouse built on the N. E. of N. E. 1-4 Sec 28 in 1923⁹ and later remodeled into the present structure.

“3 1-2 acres more or less” (22 x 25 rods—3 7-16 acres) of the north end of the school ground were deeded to the then Dist. 123, by C. E. & Minnie A. Walker, Nov. 6 1919, subject to 10 year oil lease and royalty interest, and reversion “to the original owner” ¶ if the land becomes no longer used for school: and the south “2 acres more or less” (13 x 25 rods — 2 1-32 acres) were deeded to the then Union Grade District B, by Ed C. & Mollie Shifflet, April 5 1925, without reversionary mention.

A pond of some 20 acres built by the Frisco, south of the track, and on the west side of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 27, affords good fishing, and in June '51, is being re-stocked by The Sportsmen Club.

¶ Though courts would perhaps decide that original owner meant grantor, (and successors) because of the usual such reversion, and because there would be no knowing what, if any, other owner might have been meant; yet, an heir of, or other successor to any of four previous owners, including the homesteader, of or to old chief Potentate, or maybe the Mound Builders, might could raise an ownership row.

{ Most of the Goff narrative was furnished by Leonard and Bertha Zelle: and some of the Hayward, account is from John and 'Gertie' Chelf, Ford and Bertha Moore, Iris Thomposn,, Bonnie Kapka, and Mrs. Myrtle Flowers.



Hoy Well - First in the Field

GARBER

Martin Garber had an early day Garber dry goods, grocery & hardware store on N, W. corner Sec. 6, Olive Twp., to which he hauled supplies

The original Garber was platted Oct. 23 1899, for the Garber Town Co. (C.E. & Milt Garber) and the boundaries are recorded as "beginning at a point on the south line of the right of way of the Enid and Tonkawa Railway Company 340 ft. East of the Section line on the West side of the S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 25 Twp 23 R. 4 W. I. M. Thence running South 1500 ft. Thence running East 1560 feet to a point' (what point?) 'thence running North 1500 feet to a point on South line of said right of way, Thence running West along the south line of said right of way of said railway 1560 feet to a place of beginning containing 53 3-4 acres." and the townsite was enlarged to almost a quarter section by Garber additions of blocks 1 to 8 on the East side, 9 to 12 on the West side, and 13 to 19 and 21 to 26 on the South; Grother, and Brunken-Grother of Blocks 20 to 23 on S. E. corner; Gibson ad't'n of 1 to 10 on East side of the half section line; Loopers 1st. of blk's 1 to 14, and 2nd. of 15 to 21, on S, E. 1-4 Sec. 26, and another Brunken ad't'n of 6³ blk's (later vacated) on N. 1-2 of N. W. ? 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 Sec, 35;- all of which added Kiowa and Apache streets on the East side, Souix and Chickasaw to the Weast, and Ghoctaw on South (with some blocks having the same numbers).

GARBER

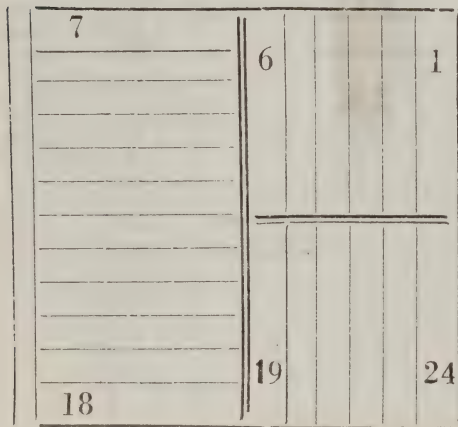
North Line of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 25 Allison Twp.

Enid & Tonkawa, (Depot) now Rock Island R. R.

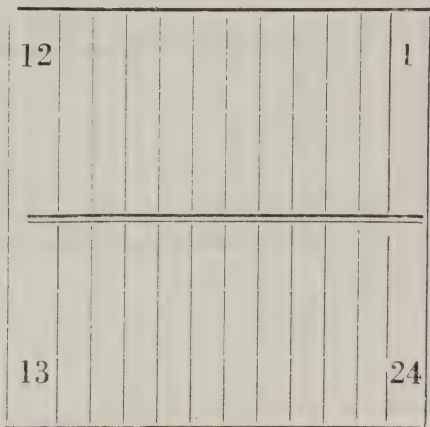
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		13	14				

Of the original Garber shown on preceding page, alleys and lots of blocks 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, are as shown in Block 1 below; with alleys running East & West, and 24 lots going North & South: while Blocks 2, 7, 10, 15, are like 2 below; with a block alley North & South, and a half block alley East & West, with 12 lots North & South, and 12 East & West: and Blocks 3, 6, 11, 14, are the same, except reversed, with the short alleys and North & South lots on the West halves, and lots East & West on East side.

BLOCK 2



BLOCK 1



over prairie trails from Enid and Perry; then moved to Garber town, and continued the business with his sons Bert and Milton, until the place was sold (see S & S Grocery)

Among other Garber businesses were or are:-

Auctioneer. Ed. B. Seely. 621 Arapaho.

Auto Dealers: Garber Motor Co., 224 Main, C. W. Long; Knox Auto Store (closed) Melvin Marshall Chevrolet, 501 Main - to Hoops — Peek Chevrolet Co., July '51,

Bakery; Home Town 319 Main, Mrs. Jessie Swinford, operator

Bank of Garber; 323 Main; Started by Dr. Taft and others, and run by Walter E. Bralle since 1934 - now with his son, Edgar

Barbers: J. P. Sharp; Ward Dobler.

Beauty Shop Operators include Mattie (Dewey) Osborn, and the present operator, Laura Dodds.

Blacksmiths: now are Huntsinger Machine Shop, 213 Main - from Ben Buholts in 1938: Wisner & Grother.

Butcher Shop: Ben Roberts.

Cafes Etc: Chuck Wagon, Glen Fleming;
Golden Glow (gone): L & L Lunch, Lewis
Eck: White Rock, Fred Janssen, 509 Main.

Cleaners: Garber Cleaners. 418 Main: Harley
& Kens Cleaners, 324 Main.

Coal - Hay - Grain. Earl Avery.

Cream: Thomas Produce, 301 Main.

Dentist: L. J. Kuzel, 318 1-2 Main.

Doctors: O. D. Taft; — Brewer; — Beard:
and now, J. V. Hyre.

Drugs: Rexall Store, Hugh & Bill (Southwick
& Sockler?) 411 Main - from Dr. Taft;

Dry Goods: Boles Dry Goods, 309 Main:
Ford & Son Store, 307 Main.

Elevators: W. S. Wilcox had first one - burned
1910: Garber Co-Operative Assn, 100 E. Rail-
road St.:

Ffour Mill: Farmers Co-op (gone)

Flowers, Pottery, Etc: Alton Flower Service. 114
W. Cherokee,

Funeral Home: Anderson, 401 Arapaho.

Garage: Eby, 518 Main?.

Gas: Consolidated Gas Utilities Corp.
Northern Okla. Gas Co, - gas to Govington also:
Okla. Gas & Electric - light, power to Covington,

Gasoline - Oil: Cities Service Oil Co. 510 W.
Choctaw: Coles D X Service Station, 702
Main: Eason Oil Co. Farmers Co-operative,
603 Main: Garber Gas & Oil Co., 736 Main:
Logan Oil Co.; Page Oil Co., 203 Main.

Grain. Stratford Grain Co., 203 Main.

Groceries: Dentons Food Store, 321 Main:
Ford & Son, 307 Main: Peckhams I G A, 402
Main: S & S (Southwick & Son) 405 Main -
from Garber Bros. in 1919.

Hardware: Krivohlavek Hdw, 313 Main

Hotels: Adams Hotel, 515 Main: Garber
Hotel,, 109 W. Osage: Sherman (gone)

Implements: L. L. Long John Deer Agency.

Insurance: Walter E. Pralle.

Jeweler; C. E. Carlin.

Laundry: Help Urself, 317 Main.

Livery: Was north of Sherman Hotel:

Locker; Garber Meat & Locker,

Lumber: Antrim Lbr Co., 202 Main, W, J. Custard, Mgr. From Trinkle^d Lumber Co., the first in town (7 yards in oil boom days).

Music: Phillips Co., Mack F. Phillips.

Newspaper: S. H. Peters @ editor of Frankfort Kansas Sentinel, came to the new town and published the Garber Sentinel, with the help of his son Kay, until the weekly was bought by a group of Garberites, with Frank N. Jones, editor, and in 1949 the name was changed to Garber Free Press.

Photographer: Jot Pickard - gone.

Pict. Show: Garber Theatre, 414 Main, C. L. Doughty.

Postmasters; Mrs. Bert Garber; — Steffins: Frank Jones; Ruth Kimmel; Harry McGill; and now, Guy Herrington.

@ According to Ray E. Rogers, now of Covington. Mr. Peters left his shoes with socks in them, outside his shanty door one night, and next morning the socks were gone, and the shoes filled with dried manure; all of which was a mystery until the socks were later found a half mile away in a den of trade rats;- the rodents having made what they considered an honest exchange.

Repairs: Clint's Repair Shop, 415 Main.

Shoe Shine: Ben Tovar, at Paul's Barber Shop.

Shoe Shop. Bought from the — Johnson estate by Shorty Douglas, Feb. 1929, and in 1932 traded for the Herron shop at Covington, and later moved to Kansas by — Bowers,

Telephone: Farmers Telephone, Mrs. Jot Pickard, operator; was followed by the Western Light & Telephone Co., for which the present operators are Ilene Bridges, Fay Cramer, Jane Hays, Myrtle Hempken, and Reva Wilson.

Town Officials: Councilmen - W. J. Custard, August Ebert, Alonzo Forbes, John L. Horner. W. F. Maxwell, Clerk: Mollie Sandberg, Treasurer: F. H. Wilson, Chief of Police.

Trucking: A. G. Fry Truck Co.

Variety Store: Moody, 419 Main - from W. A. Burton, a former Garber Councilman, and now in Covington.

{ Golden Glow Cafe is now in Garber, instead of gone, as on page 154; and — Robinson fed folks in a tent. Also now there, is Lois Beauty Shoppe, 322 Main; and B & B Supply, 402 W. Railroad.

CHURCHES

Immanuel Lutheran: The Garber congregation worshipped with the Covington church, until in Oct. 1900, members gathered at the John Grother home and decided to build a church 2 miles South and 1 West of Garber.

Pastor Bowers also served the Covington church and taught a day school, and arrangements were made for him to board at 15c a meal with the — Schrodgers, who were to feed his horse during the school term, for \$2.00.

Bowers was followed by pastors Maehr, Jolle & Kroeming, during which time the church became a member of the Lutheran synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States; and April 1910, Pastor Wagner was chosen. In 1915, the Church house was moved to Garber, and a parsonage built there in 1916; and during the pastorage of Rev. Kretzman, in 1918, English was used in services on the 1st Sunday evening and the 3rd Sunday morning of each month.

May 1923, the Christian church building was bought for \$250.00, and moved to the Lutheran site. The parsonage was modernized, and a reed

organ installed in 1936; and in 1944, a kitchen was added, and the altar picture given by Mrs. Goedeke.

Christian: % Was organized in 1898, at a revival held by Rev. Dunkelburg at "old" Garber (the country store). The first service was in an M. E. church, and the next, above the old store, with an organ loaned by Mrs. O. D. Taft.

May 1899 a tent revival near the Garber store, and one at the Stoner^p schoolhouse, N. W. of there, were followed by regular meetings conducted by Rev. Edwards, at the Liberty schoolhouse, 3 miles S. & 1 W. of Garber town.

Nov. 1899, the congregation decided to build a church in Garber, and while the mostly donation work was being done under the supervision of John Mathis, services were again held above the Garber store, which had been moved to the incipient town.

The membership was small, and times were hard, but one day, the combination freight and passenger train "Old Joker" unloaded 37 energetic men and women, of which group, the Sheldons, Doblars and Bruces, settled in the community, and were a big help to the church.

The Garber brothers gave a new parsonage in memory of their mother, Lucy A., and a new church was built when the old building was later sold (c. f. last pg^h of preceding page) %

Assembly of God: @ On East side of highway 64, 4 miles South of Garber, until in Nov. 1949, the meetinghouse was sold, and the church established at Garber. Mrs. Florence Bushay was the first pastor, and Rev. — Brown is the present one; with Homer Bailey, S. S Supt. and Mrs. Edwards, Pres. of the Missionary Council; and Mr. & Mrs. Budel did much to keep things going in early days.

Nazarene: ¶ Started August 1946, with Rev. — Rawlings, Pastor, then and now. Services began with tent meetings across North of the BX filling station, then for awhile near the town hall, and at or near the Bowers' shoe shop.

Methodist: Was organized at the Elmdale school house ?, in 1894; with Loyd Long, Ben Henke,

% Condensed from a better account furnished by Mrs. H. F. Southwick, who says the article was 'mostly written' by Mrs. S. G. Sager, now deceased.

@ From Mrs. — Geller.

¶ From the pastors' daughter, Ruth.

Bill Gronaman, W. F. Maxwell, John Gallitan, Mrs. C. A. Sandburg and Mrs. — Cooper, were among the charter members. Then services were in an old building at Garber, until with the help of 'Pap' Wilcox, W. G. Houghey * and others, a meetinghouse was built in 1900?; and the present brick building was put up in 1927? The first pastors were Rev. Kleinsterber ? and Rev. Germany?, and Rev. J. A. Oden is pastor now.

Baptist. (no data on hand)

Pentacostal: (no data)

* Methodist account from Mrs. Houghey.

NOTE! First line of Methodist should be — Was organized at the Pleasant Hill schoolhouse.

Though the word Church is first used in Mat. 16; 18, Noah "builded an altar" (Gen. 8; 20) and Moses was the head of a civil and religious oligarchy that built a Tabernacle (Exodus 26): and the Greek Kuriakou, Anglo Saxon Circe, English Chirche, Scotch Kirk, Swiss Kyrk, German Kirche, and other spellings, refer to places of worship and to religious organizations.

CLUBS ¶

Priscilla:* Was organized Sept. 1913 by Mrs. Emma Porter, and began with 12 members, later increased to 30; for needlework, baking, etc., and passed bread yeast around among themselves for 17 years; while members then got about by buggy ride and horseback. During World war 1, the club met at Red Cross room at Garber, and made clothes and comforts for the needy; and has planted trees for the Garber cemetery. %

Rotary :-: Was organized about 1925, and 3 of the charter members, E. F. Miles, Frank James, and Ivan Southwick, are still living. The Enid

¶ Anciently, if not modernly, for various things from purity to plunder.

* A Christian convert (Acts; 18, 2) A colonial immigrant and character in Longfellow's 'Courtship of Miles Standish' and in Hawthorn's 'Blithedale Romance'

% From Mrs. Rob't Crews, who also mentioned a Club history by Mrs. Frank Wilcox.

:-: Latin **Roto** - a wheel. Maurice Farquharson, of Covington, says the first Rotary was started in Chicago, by a lawyer, Paul Harris, to help members and out-of-towners get around over the windy city.

Rotary Sponsored the Garber club: which in turn later helped put the Govington and Billings units in motion.

Future Farmers: ¶ Was started at the Garber High School in 1922; and by 1950, of the some 500 F F A graduates from the Garber school, 125 farm in the Garber community.

T H W Club: Was organized in 1919, and joined the National Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, Dec. 1928. Beautification of the approach to Garber was a club purpose, and it planted shrubs and trees there in the spring and

¶ There was not a man to till the ground — And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (Genesis)

The first farmer was the first man — (Emerson)

And because humankind must live off of growth from the ground, and will perish when it is not obtainable, the last man will be a farmer (Ellis' Land and Titles)

Cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man — (Dan'l Webster)

Originally, Farmers were tax collectors, similar to the Roman Publicans: but farmers who tussel the turf, have always been on the taxpaying end.

fall of 1945, and the roadside place is mowed and cultivated by a caretaker, paid out of various money raising projects promoted twice a year.

The club also erected a monument at the South end of Main street, with the names of all Garber boys who gave their lives for their country in World War II, carved on the monument, dedication Memorial day 1946: and on Memorial Day of each year, the monument is decorated by parents and friends of the memorees. @

Veterans of Foreign Wars: Harry Ladusaw and Elmer Vail ?, Post Commanders: Riley H. Jones, Dist. Commander: Mrs's Ladusaw? and Vail, Post Dept. Presidents.

(Among other organizations on which the publisher has no data, are the Lions Club, Study Club, Masonic, I O O F and Rebekah lodges, Eastern Star. Rainbow Girls)

Schools Garber seems to have been laid out in the then Spring Valley * district, - the school house being on S. W. corner of S. W. 1-4 of Sec.

@ From Mrs. Leonard Kapka, President of True Honest Workers.

26, 1 mile West of town. (also a schoolhouse 1 mile East of town, on N. E. N. E. 31 in adjoining Grant Twp.) The first in town, is said to have been a church subscription school; and the next, a Garber school in a shack, with nail keg and board seats, in 1900, where the swimming pool is. Then the Grade school was built in 1901; and the High School in 1920.

Among the early day teachers were Mrs. Vera Boroff (who furnished most of this account) and Exie Ellis.

* According to a list furnished by County Sup't Spencer; at the same or various times, there were, or are three Spring Valleys in Garfield Co. - Dist's 13, 33, & 46 (together with Pleasant Valley, Dist. 8; Home Valley, 28; Green Valley, 97 & 104; North Green Valley, 74; Otter Valley, 78; Skeleton Valley, 81; Happy Valley, 84; Valley View, 82; Pleasant Hill, 89; Pleasant Vale, 56; Pleasant View, 106; Greenwood, 110; Glenwood, 58; Wildwood, 109; Rosewood, 22; Rose Bud, 19; Prairie Center, 1, 6 & 37; Prairie View, 66; Prairie Gem, 68; Sunnyside, 4; Sunny Slope, 65; SunnyBower, 45; and perhaps as wishful thinking, prophetic of what finally came, was Free Home Dist. 59.

((Another Garber physician was Dr. Wm. D. McVicker, who homesteaded South west of town, and went from Garber to Tulsa about 1907. — Porter had the livery stable, and was a Justice of the Peace: Mrs. Helen Hackworth is school Librarian; and Mrs. Ethel M. Hambright, local Auto Tag Agent since 1942.))



Here's to the old homesteaders,
 And those who came too late,
 To take a claim at the opening,
 But helped make this country great.

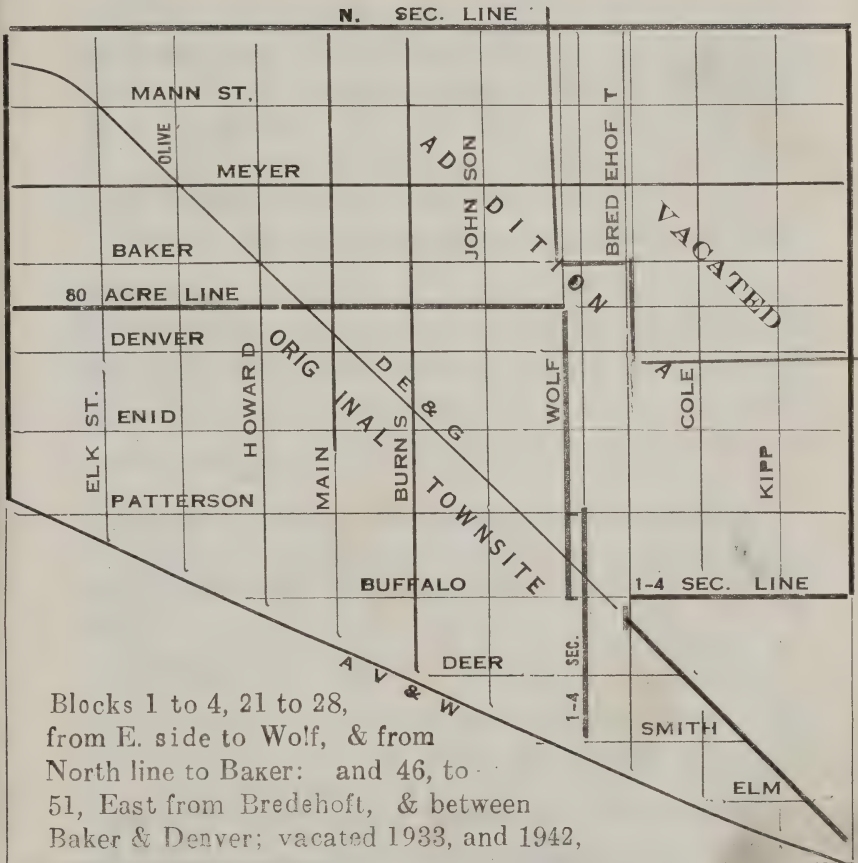
When the Strip was settled,
 But at an early date,
 'O' county was changed to Garfield,
 One of the best in the State.

So many of them have since passed on,
 And we who are still alive,
 Show the frost of many winters,
 But thank God we yet survive.

And as we wave the grand old flag,
 Join me in three loud cheers,
 In memory of our old time friends,
 The early pioneers.

(Mrs. Eisele)

FAIRMONT



Blocks 1 to 4, 21 to 28,
 from E. side to Wolf, & from
 North line to Baker: and 46, to
 51, East from Bredehoft, & between
 Baker & Denver; vacated 1933, and 1942,

Plat of the original town (also called Junction City) was recorded Oct. 18, 1902, for Enid Right of Way & Townsite Co.; and covered ¶ the S. 1-2 of N. W. 1-4 Sec. 26, Twp. 22 N, R. 5 W. (Patterson) and that part of the adjoining S. W. 1-4 North of the then Arkansas Valley & Western (now St. Louis & San Francisco) R. R.

Addition A, on land of A. W. Mann, made July 29, 1903, included the N. 1-2 of the N. W. 1-4 of Sec. 26, the West 1-2 of the N. E. 1-4 of 26, and that part of the S. E. 1-4 between the A. V. & W. and Denver Enid & Gulf (now Santa Fe) tracks.

¶ Except that from the N. W. corner of the South 1-2 of N. W. 1-4 of 26, to and down the Frisco R. R. the boundary went North along the 1-4 Sec. line to Buffalo St., then West 27 feet, to Wolf, and again North to 19 feet West of the N. E. corner of the 80, and West to beginning: Then Ad't'n A went South from the N. W. corner of the North 80 to and East along the 80 acre line, and South down Wolf St. to Patterson, then East 28 feet, South to and down the Frisco, up the D E & G to Bredehoft, North 78 ft.; then East, North, and West to beginning:- Leaving a place about 27 x 236 feet between Wolf St. and the 1-4 Sec. line, and from Buffalo to Patterson.

Fairmont businesses include Fairmont Bank, established in 1913, with W. D. Bredehoff, Pres. and Herman Helberg, Cashier; and went to Garber in 1932.

Blacksamth; Fred Schroder (gone)

Doctors: were - Eger; and - Wood, N.W. of town.

Elevators: Farmers Co-Op., East of Froeming, (gone); Herman Wyssman, North of Froeming; General Mills, and Farmers Co-Op, both near the Frisco track.

Filling Station: H. W. Durheim (gone)

Garage: H, W. Tasherman & Walter Meisner.

Graders : K & B Mfg. Co. (E. W Kightlinger?)
and ?

Hardware: Wilkie (gone)

Hotel Marquart: From Mrs. Marpuart to Henry H. Wensel; to Louis Bode; to F. Loesch - gone.

Insurance: Farmers Mutal Fire Ass'n; Henry Helberg, Prcs., Walter He!berg, Sec'y.; Followed by Walter Helberg Agency, for Fireman's Fund Insurance Co.

Merchandise: — Durheim Dry Goods, Groceries & Drugs: to Gus Nehaus: to John Nobis, Grocery & Music; then to Mr. & Mrs. Carl Loschke, and now Loschke Grocery.

F H Lumter Co.: Started in 1916, by Fred H. Froeming * who also has the Froeming Planing Mill, built by him in 1926; and with his son Adolph, also handles Hardware and Tombstones,

Postoffice: Postmasters include — Helberg, and the present Harris Emerson.

Telephone: Oklahoma Rural; since about 1904: with Centrals Odis Cook, Jim Sears, and now, H. H. and Tillie Meyer.

Frisco depot burned, and D E & G depot moved away. An Oil Refinery East 'of town, gone. Population now about 200.

Adolph Froeming is now Mayor, and Homer Weisman, Town Marshall.

* Homesteaded 3 miles South of Enid, and was in Cuba 11 years before coming to Fairmont.

CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Patterson Township, Garfield County, began with the signing of an adopted Constitution at the W. A. Helberg home on Reformation Day * 1897, at a meeting of early settlers, including the Helbergs, Mr's & Mrs's. F. A. & S. R. Eggers, — Nehous, — Wyssman Mr. — Timken, Chris & F. Loesch, G. T. Pralle, H. L. Bode, John Nobis, Henry Durheim, — Meyer, Fred Schroder, Mrs. - Shoeling and Mrs. Marquart,

A church built on 5 acres bought from Mrs. Marquart, 1 mile N. W. of town, and dedicated Apr. 25' 1898, was too small by 1900, and when the Santa Fe came through, the tracks were too close, and when Fairmont donated a block, the church was moved there: the cornerstone laid Apr. 10' 1904, and the building dedicated on the 18th Sunday after Trinity, @ Oct. 2' 1904.

© Trinity Sunday; next after Whitsunday, which is the 7th Sunday after Easter, which is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox (Latin, aequinoctium) or the 2nd Sunday after Easter, if the moon is full on the first Sunday.

The Parsonage was built in 1912; and in 1945, supplied with running water from a well dug in '44.

In 1908 a house and two acres, across the Sec. line West of school, were bought from Ord. Meisner and Robt. Miller, for \$800.00; and the house, used for a teacherage, was enlarged in 1910, and again in 1947: and the school, started N. W. of town in 1898, with 18 pupils, was moved there and enlarged in 1912, and again enlarged in 1947, after another schoolhouse was built there in 1916.

The first Pipe Organ, used by any Lutheran church in Okla., and bought with the help of \$ 500.00 from — Bredehoft, was installed June 8' 1913: Replacing the Band, which had furnished music for church hymns, played elsewhere in town on Saturdays, and sometimes other places, since 1905; and disbanded in 1945.

The Walther League (named after Dr. Walther) was organized, and the League camp 'Lutherhoma' now near Talequah, established in 1921.⁹

The Missouri Synod was organized in 1924; the envelope system of contributions introduced 1926; and Sunday School began April 1928.

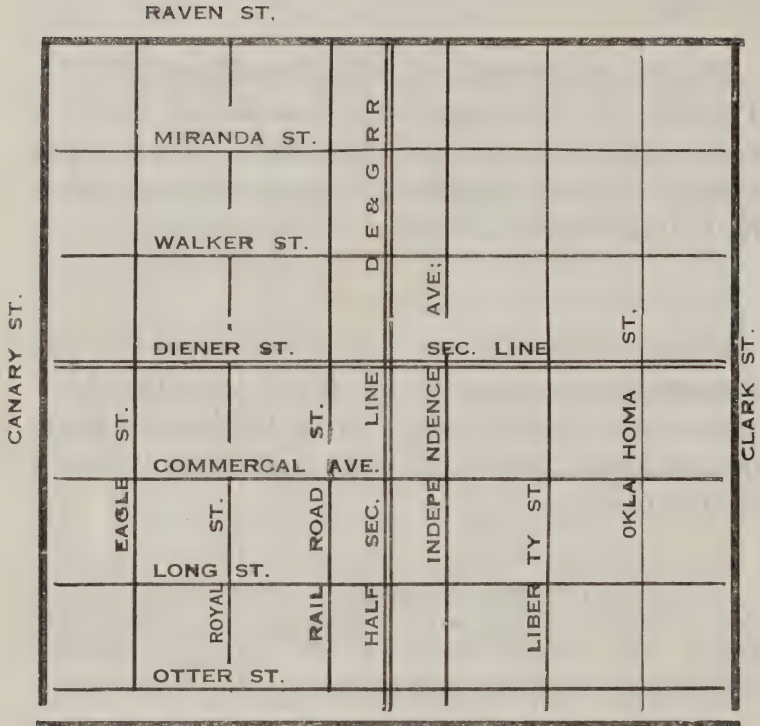
Constitution revised, and Cradle Roll started in 1946,

Pastors not previously mentioned, include J. J. Timken; E. Kroeming; and Roy Barleg, Dec. '51: and present teachers are Miss Elsie Myer; Miss Martha Maehr, daughter of a former pastor; Mrs. R. L. Helberg; and Mrs. C. F. Boriack.

Through oversight, much of the foregoing account is repetition of pages 88, 89, & 126, but the latter adds some to the former, so, in the jargon, lingo, nomenclature, technique, etc. of printers, 'stet' - let it stand.

{ Mrs. Frieda Wyssman, Mrs. Emma Kent, Mrs. Sebastian Eggers, the Froemings, Mrs. Tillie Meyer and Homer Weisman are among others who have helped with Farmont facts.

DOUGLAS



Most or all the S. W. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 30,
and some of N. W. 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 of 31,
seem to have been vacated.

The S. W. 1-4 of the S. E. 1-4, the S. E. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 30; the N. W., 1-4 of N. E. 1-4, and N. E. 1-4 of N. W., 1-4 Sec., 31 Twp. 21 N. R. 4 W., - Otter (from farms of O. E. Miranda, Dav Diener, Solon Walker, and C. B. Long) Were platted as DOUGLAS ¶ by the Enid Right of Way & Townsite Co., Aug. 29' 1902. — with the survey stone @ at the intersection of Eagle and Long streets.

Onyx Postoffice on the S. W. 1-4 Sec, 20 of Otter Twp., was moved by the postmistress, Eliza Spencer, to the grocery of her son, R. W., on the adjoining N. E. of 29; then went to Douglas, with Miss — Gage ? as postmistress: and the town was also known as Onyx for many years

¶ Apparently, named after Douglas Frantz, a son of Edmond Frantz, one of the promoters.

@ A Babylonian landmark in the British museum, not only fixed a boundary; but records that the land was bought from Amil-Bel by Marduk-Nasir, for 816 pieces of silver, and is inscribed with curses against any person removing the stone or altering the boundaries, and entertains eleven different gods to utterly destroy such an offender and his children forever.

ELLIS - LAND & TITLES

The town was started before the railroad came through, but after the right-of-way was surveyed; and for awhile the combined passenger-freight that traveled the rickety tracks,; was locally dubbed "Old dirty, easy and greasy" which later improved, until passenger service was discontinued in 1951.

But though Douglas never became, as surmised in a booster pamphlet, the "Commercial center of Garfield County - with a population of 5,000 - Surrounded by 12,000 prosperous people", and was not put there, as suggested by another acclamer, as a divine improvement on the rest of creation; the place was a thriving town, in which most of the businesses at various times were:-

Douglas State Bank; Inc. 1902, with D. L. Tro-
wer, Pres., and successive cashiers O.R. Hammer,
— Sharp, Hugh Adams; and moved to Marshall
with L. L. Lovell, Pres.

Sterges Snyder had the first Blacksmith Shop,
and the first house: and was followed by Jess
Foster,

Albert C. Huffman (or Hoffman) built bridges
and culverts.

Barber Shop:- Leo LeGrant.

Butcher Shop:- John Miller.

Douglas Cafe:- Ivan Johnson; followed by Mrs. May Stoll; and now operated by Mrs. Harvey Stout. Harry Lipsey also had a restaurant somewhere there,

John Miller, and after him, John Dink, had a Cream Station; and there was also a Co-Op Creamery.

Dr. Brown lived about 2 miles West of Douglas; and Dr. H. G. Parker (born in Kansas and attended medical school in Missouri) came from near Hennessy in 1904, and married Olive Jefferies, daughter of the first hotel owners: and during 48 years has attended over 2500 births, including a few twins and one triplets: for which the early day fee was usually \$10.00:- often paid in farm products - one such charge being likkerdated (liquidated) by a Garber farmer with a pint of moonshine.

D. B. Barrett first had the Drug Store, which went to Newton A. Brumley, then to Dr. Parker.

John Evans and John Hammer had the first Elevator; Followed by the Farmers Co-Op in 19-50? with 308 members.

Mr. & Mrs. Jefferies had the first Hotel, later run by Mrs. Mc Combs, and then E. L. Cook.

J. A. Morton Service Station was followed by the present Wilton Bos. Filling Station.

Homer Wilson; and afterward, John Walker had the Livery Stable.

Before marriage to Dr. Parker, Olive Jefferies had a Millinery @ Store, when thenaday Sailor and Merry Widow (Umbrella) hats were in style.

Postmasters include Mrs. — Adkins, Alberta Culbertson, Mrs Della Childs, Oliver Guthrie, and the present P. M. Mrs. May Kramer: with Ben Parnell, first; and Johnnie Fortney, present Rural Carriers.

John Taggart seems to have had the first Grocery; and among other original and successive owners of various stores were — Harmon Gro & H'dw.; Geo. Nicholson, Gro. & H'dw.; Mrs. —

@ From Mila n e r - an importer of womens finery from Milan, Italy. (D'ct'n'ry)

McNaught? — Diener, Hdw; John Schwend-aman?; Claud Keltner, Gro. & D. G.; John Sinclair, Hdw.; O. W. Whipple; Blakely & Woodson; Ollie Whitlock, Gro., & Hdw. followed by Earl Lent, Bill & Jack Payne, Joe Gibson, and Cecil & Goldie Snyder, Grocery.

Oklahoma Rural Telephone system, was started by John Piper, in 1903: with daughter Dora % first operator; followed by W. A. & Mrs. Davis, succeeded by Hank & Mrs. Trayner.

Joe Lawrence was Depot Agent; Albert G. Huffman's father had a Blacksmith shop: and there was a Cotton Gin, by - Coyle of Guthrie?.

% With her husband, Joe Gibson; later had a store at Coviugton.

> The Onyx Postoffice & store building on the R. W. Spencer farm, is said to now be 1-2 mile East and 1-4 North of Douglas, on the Amy Miler place: and a 4 room 12 x 12 house given at a lot sale, is supposed to be somewhere in town.

Besides information from some of those already mentioned, data has also been given by former residents of or near the town, Mrs. — Snyder, Mrs. Goldie J. Tope, Mrs. — Houghey, and H. H. Leser,

MARSHALL

When, about 1903* the Bealine Construction Co., under the management of Ed L. Peckham, built the railroad into our town, Marshall was then located just south of the Garfield county line, and when residents objected to the right of way going down the main residential street, a townsite committee, S. T. Rice, W. L. Helton, I. H. Stafford, bought the Oscar Leafquist farm, which was platted for a larger town, and the right of way was run West of 'Old Marshall', with the depot where it now is in 'New Marshall.

Some lots were sold to local buyers by the promoters, and some sold at auction to investors all over the U. S. - many of the lots being later sold by Logan County for delinquent taxes.

The Denver Enid & Gulf reached Marshall in the fall, and until spring, Marshall was the end of the "Alfalfa route" - so called because the right of way had been sown to alfalfa; and there being no turntable there, the train had to back out of town @.

Since there was no water (except occasional rainfall) in either town, J. A. Donley hauled it

from Winburn's well West of town, and sold it for a penny a bucket. About a block North of where the Beeby Oil Co. now is, four 90 ft. wells were dug in the middle of a street, but there was never enough water to fill the tower. Another well was drilled close to the tower, but salt water was struck at 500 ft. The Winburn well furnished enough for a few years more, but it was only surface water, and the supply did not last: so the town voted a \$25,000.00 bond issue and built an Otter creek reservoir at Miller Falls, on the S. W. 1-4 Sec. 26, Reed Twp. Garfield Co., and now gets most of its water from there.

Bonds of \$25,000.00 were voted for an electric light plant, built by Benham Engineering Co, and the Sherman Machine & Iron works of Okla. City. The lights came on at 6 o'clock and went off at midnight, after warning blinks 10 and 5 minutes before 12; unless someone having a party gave the engineer a dollar to let them shine 'til 1 P. M., and power was on until noon Mondays and Tuesdays, to accommodate housewives who were using their first electric washers and irons: but the plant and franchise were later sold to the Oklahoma Gas & Electric for \$25,000.00.

Those who moved their buildings and businesses from the old to the new townsite, were S. T. Rice General Store, R. D. Smith Hardware & Implements, S. A. Williams Furniture & Undertaking, I. H. Stafford Drugs, Mattie Boston Millinery, Mrs. Cummings Hotel (later the Rex Hotel), W. J. Harman Hotel (afterward the Kerr), Conard Livery Barn, Miff Wycoff Saloon. R. J. Castor Dry Goods & Grocery, B. F. Watts Racket Store Wilbur Meat Market. Kerr Produce, J. T. Reynolds Jewelry Repair, Mrs. Reynolds Dressmaking, Cleaves Real Estate: and the Baptist, Christian and Methodist churches - the Baptist and Methodist of now, being the same as were moved"

(Most of the foregoing condensed from a more complete account published in 'The Spotlight' of the Marshall News, by Ione Ingle, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Ingle, of the Watts & Ingle store - and Angie Debo's "Prairie City", and Roy Kromer, have been consulted.)

* Old Oklahoma was opened April 22, 1889; the Strip, Sept. 16, 1893; plat of Old Marshall recorded June 1899; and of New Marshall, May 1902.

¶ The towns are rockoned to have been named after Marshalltown, Iowa, from whence cane S. T. Rice and

others: though they could have also been named after the township in which it is located — which twp. was surely established before the towns, and maybe so named after Chief Justice John Marshall, of the U. S. Supreme court (as perhaps was Marshall Twp. in Garfield Co. - contrary to footnote on page 16, for the Strip township was also so named before the towns began.

The survey of Old Marshall (signed for Roy Stafford and by Joseph P. & Margaret Cromer) began at the S. E. corner of the S. E. 1-4 Sec. 33 Reed Twp. 20 Garfield Co., and thus the townlet was on part of an Old Oklahoma fraction,

Boundaries of the new town began 430 feet South of the N. E. corner of the N. E, 1-4 Sec, 4, Marshall Twp. Logan Co., then West 1586 feet, South 20 feet, West 1020 feet, South 2500 feet, to a point 299 feet South and 30 feet East of the center of Sec. 4, East 2607 feet to a point 286 feet South of S. E. corner of N. E. 1-4. and North on section line 2520 feet to beginning:- leaving an unplatted strip between the old and new towns, and extending the present site on to the S. E. 1-4, making the place near a quarter section East & West, and about a quarter North and South.

The sun shines bright on my Oklahoma home,
The locust are singing in the trees;
While hungry grasshoppers everywhere roam,
And greenbugs float on the breeze.

Sleep no more my lady, sleep no more today;
For it's time to water flowers,
And spray garden bugs away,
During the evening hours.

Hot, dry winds, blowing from the South,
Scorch things hither and yon;
And for us the parching drouth,
Is much less pro than con.

Sweep no more my lady, sweep no more today
Let the dust roll in on the dirty kitchen floor;
For we can shovel it out of the way,
When there isn't any room for more.

But with lightning flash and thunder boom,
Rain will come again in floods;
While from dry to wet the weather will zoom,
And we will be stuck in the muds.

WEEP no more my lady, weep no more today;
Let us sing one song for the Oklahoma home,
In the Cherokee Strip, where we will stay,
And from which we will never roam.

LUCIEN

Began as Woolsey, when started in 1903 by the Arkansas Valley & Western R R Co., on 50 acres of the S. E. corner of the S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 19, and 50 acres of N. E. corner of N. W. 1-4 Sec. 30, Warren Valley Twp 21 R 2 W. Noble Co.

And in 1905 some blocks were added to the East & South, and the town re-named Lucien; and though, like many other towns in this part of the Western hemisphere, the place 'Aint what it usta be' * it is an interesting spot that has helped make Oklahoma history: and who knoweth what its future may be?

% According to Ford Moore and Leonard Zelle, named after Lucien Emerson, mother of Dr. Emerson, who had an early day store East of town.

* But Ellis, started soon after statehood, with 6 blocks and 2 streets, on N. E. 1-4 Sec. 11, Union Twp. 23 N. R 5, Garfield Co. as a flag stop on the St. Louis & San Francisco R R, did not do so well, for it never got to be more than a flag stop town: as is Asp, South of Perry.



Paul Schomaker Truck "probably from Latin Trochus, an iron hoop. Greek Trokos, a wheel".

Truck System "Paying wages in goods instead of cash" restricted in England by Parliamentary Truck Acts.

COUNTRY STORES AND POSTOFFICES ¶

Potter P.O. & Grocery: on the S. E. corner of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 27, Marshall Twp. Garfield Co. on Star * mail route from Orlando to Marshall; owned and operated for many years by Lyda E. Potter.

Elgin P. O. & Gro.: on S. E. corner of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 30, Marshall Twp. G'ld. Co., on same Star route as Potter: owned by Mr. & Mrs. John Behymer: and named after W. D. and Mrs. Elgin, who were on the adjoining S. W. of 29.

% Antrim P. O. & Store. at S. E. corner of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 5, Love Twp. 21, Noble Co.; kept —by Lippencott.

¶ Back in the boon days of Lion coffee, Battle Axe tobacco, Lyda E. Pinkhams Vegetable Compound, Carters Little Liver Pills, Herpacide Hair Tonic, Peruna, Hoods Sarsparilla, Cheetums Chill Tonic, etc.

* With delivery to postoffices only: but became a Rural route, with delivery to boxes along the way, after Elgin was gone: and later changed to a rural from Orlando to S. E. corner of Sec. 29 Marshall Twp. G'ld Co., N'th 1 mile, then East, and back to Orlando.

% Given by Theresa (Lubbers) Schultz, who took eggs and butter there when a girl in Marshall Twp.

Shaner P. O. & Store: by Mr. & Mrs. — Shaner; on N. E. corner, N. E. 1-4 Sec. 35, Otter Twp.; on mail route from Perry to Waukomis?

Virgil? Beard Postoffice: for awhile before Covington began, on S. W. corner of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 1, Otter Twp.

Dilly Grocery & P. O.: by John Cooper, on S. W. corner of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 34, Olive Twp.: and later by Cora (McNalley) Hougland, on N. W. corner of N. W. 1-4 Sec. 9, Wood Twp.

Bloomer Store & P. O.; * near center of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 22, Olive Twp.: with James Bloomer, P. M.; then to J. W. Rogers, on S. E. of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 16: Moved to S. W. corner S. W. 1-4 Sec. 14, with Si. Crews, P. M.: and later at S. W. of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 2, with Mrs. Geo. Ellis, and the name changed to Gladly.

* With help from L. J. Allen, an Olive Twp. farmer; and Ray Rogers, of Covington, who helped with mail when his father was postmaster, — with delivery from Perry to Dilly, Bloomer, Garbe by spring wagon Hack.

Luella P. O. & Store: First on N. W. corner of N. E. 1-4, Sec. 31, Lincoln Twp. and later moved by postmaster — Rawleigh? to S. W. corner S. W. 1-4, Sec. 30.

Fannie Store & P. O. at or near the center of Lincoln Township.

Country stores were a help indeed,
To the pioneers in time of need;
For they helped "Okies" then get by.

When times were so tough,
There wasn't enough;
And they lived more low than high.

Except once in awhile,
When fortune would smile;
And mix ointment in with the fly.

Then the hungry could go just in time,
And spend from a cent to a dime;
In the days of pie melons and red bud pie.

Biliville: "Over the hill" (Gas, Groceries and Gumption?) began, commenced, started, Etc. by Bill Oldham, in or about 1931: On Hg'y 64, 4 miles (32 Furlongs, 1280 Rods, 7,040 Yards, 21,120 Feet, 253,440 Inches or 760,320 Barleycorns*) West of the Garber-Covington Y:- and if anything was ever actually and really on the corner of anything, the emporium is strictly on the S. W. corner of S. W. 1-4, Sec. 8. Lincoln Twp.

* 3 Barleycorns (average length of 3 grains) 1 Inch
 12 Inches 1 Foot 3 Feet 1 Yard
 5 1-2 Yards 1 Rod (sometimes Rood, Perch or Pole)
 40 Rods 1 Furlong (From Furrowlong-length of a Furrow
 8 Furlongs (320 Rods - 5,280 Feet) 1 Mile

ELLIS - LAND & TITLES

COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Potter: First a log house built about 3 years after the 'run' at or near the S. E. corner of S. E. 1-4, Sec. 23, Marshall Twp. Garfield Co.: and a frame house later built at the N. W. corner of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 26. Now a community center.

Four Dee - 4 D: First a one room building on N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 29, Marshall Twp. 20: and a few years later moved@ to S. W. corner of N. E. 1-4 of same section: then afterward rebuilt: and sold at auction 1948 or '49 (with the old cypress siding nearly good as new) when the District was consolidated with others.

Red Star: Was on N. E. corner of N.E. 1-4 Sec. 18, Marshall Twp. (with a red star painted on the front).

Stanton: on N. W. corner of the Amos Stanton N. W. 1-4 Sec. 14, Marshall Twp.

@ With block & tackle, across pasture on both quarters, and when the tall grass caught fire from corn stalks burning on adjacent bottom land, while the wind was up and no water on hand, the scorched crew fought the flames with spades and shovels, and saved the house, though the blaze got to and under it.

Possum Hollow: Seems to have first been Sunnyside, or New Hope, at or about the N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 23 Reed Twp.: until rebuilt on N. W. corner of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 26.

Riley: On N. W. corner of S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 29 Reed Twp.

Hopewell: N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 18, Reed Twp.

Bethel. S. E. corner of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 10, Reed Twp.

Cracker Box: N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 34, Otter Twp.

Cactus Valley - later, Otter Valley: on N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 18, Otter Twp.

Sandusky: S. W. corner S. W. 1-4 Sec. 11, Otter Twp.

Fager: A sod house on N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 11, Otter; during one term of 1 & 1-2 months, taught by Lula Triplet (later married Remus McArdle)

Keystone: at N. E. corner, N. E. 1-4 Sec. 18. Wood Twp.

Bryan: (Named after W. J. Bryan) at N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4, Sec. 31, Wood Twp.

South Green Valley: on N.W. corner of S. 1-2, of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 35 Wood.

Paul Valley: on S. E. corner of N. 1-2 of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 23, Wood.

North Green Valley: N. E. corner, N. E. 1-4 Sec. 10, Wood.

With help on Potter from R. H. Weinkauff, a grandson of Martha (Lloyd) Estes, who taught at various places: and from Mrs. Mattie Hebbe, now at Dover, Okla., who lived on the Wm. C. Hebbe N. W. of 26: And on Possum Hollow, from Buzz Bennett, who when he was a boy, planned to fish on Skeleton creek, and got there with hook and line - 50 years later

Early day school books were a miscellaneous collection from the various States from which the pioneers came, and anyone could 'take' most anything - Bill Henson (a Republican) and the (Democrat) publisher of this whatever it is, studied Civil government and Rhetoric at 4D, with less attention to grammar and other things.

CEMETERIES @

Pioneer: Started before 1906: apparently on S. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 and N. E. corner of S. E. 1-4. Sec. 12, Marshall Twp.

Bocox: Near S. W. corner of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 25, Marshall Twp.

Also an early day cemetery near the S. W. corner of the Emma Marion W. 80 of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 30, Marshall Twp.; with Elmer Hayward * and a Seigle child among the few there interred, and later removed to other places.

Sample: N. E. corner of W. V. Sample N. E. 1-4 Sec. 11, Wood Twp.

@ The first mentioned burial place was "The cave of the field of Machpelah — in the land of Canan" where Abraham put his wife Sarah, who was "an hundred and seven and twenty years old".

* Mr. Hayward worked at a sawmill where the section line between 30 and 31 crosses Crows' Nest creek: which mill, according to Stella (Groom) McBride, was first on the L. D. Groom S. E. of 17, and there sawed cottonwood lumber Mr. Groom used in building a house: that was soon the happy home of too many bed bugs that came with, and hatched from the new timber.

Landes?: on S. E. corner of John Landes S. E. 1-4, Sec. 25, Wood.

Hayward: S. E. corner of S. W. 1-4, Sec. 21, Wood: Dedicated May 7, 1932, by Tw'p Board members J. G. Culbertson, Chas. Stratton and Chris. Rasmussen (notarized by E. A. Correll) and Mrs's. Bonnie Kapka and Clara Harvey are now on the cemetery board.

I. O. O. F.: 2 miles North of Marshall, on N. W. corner of N. E. 1-4, Sec: 28, Reed Twp., since April 1911.

Bethel: N. E. corner of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 11, Reed. Connected with the old abandoned Bethel Baptist church; and the resting place of many pioneers.

If, as with Marshall, Reed, Otter & Wood, the average is 3 cemeteries to each Township, there would be 90 in Garfield County, 6,750 in Oklahoma, and 324,000 in the 48 United States: and if they average 10 acres in size, there would be 900 acres in Garfield County, 67,500 acres (about 105 sections or 3 tw'ps) in Okla., and 3,240,000 acres (some 5,060 sections or 140 Townships) in the U. S.:— but "Cities of the dead" are bound to be larger or more numerous in the older States.

Prairie Valley : May 7' 1900, Jas. B. Wilson and wife deeded 10 2-3 x 13 1-3 rods of the N. E. corner of S.E. 1-4 Sec. 14, Otter Twp., to the Prairie Valley 1st Ch'stn Church; and at the same time, deeded an adjoining 13 1-3 x 16 rods West, of the church tract, to the Prairie Valley Cemetery Association. Nov. 29' 1921, the church and the Cem. Ass'n. passed both parcels to the I. O. O. F. Lodge - to which J. S. Parks conveyed 12 x 40 rods of the S. E. corner of the N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 14, April 11' 1922: and, Sept. 8' 1947. the I. O. O. F. transferred all the land to the Covington Community Cemetery Ass'n.: of which J. G. Cul-

* According to Lora Cain Williams in the Covington Record of July 3, '51, the cemetery developed after burial of a child and grand-child of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Wilson in the front yard of the Wilson home.

If the first couple had 4 children (the equivalent of 2 each) and each descendant had an average of 2 children, there would have been about 800,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (Eight Hundred Decillion) people on earth within 3,000,000 years: and if all had lived, by now, we would be even more crowded than the

"Old woman who lived under a broom,

And all she wanted was elbow room."

bertson is now President, and Charley Meyers, Sec-Treas.

Douglas on N. E. 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 Sec. 31, Otter; since before 1906

Collet (Fairmont) On N. W. corner of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 23. Patterson Twp.

Iowa Lutheran; Was on N. E. corner N. E. 1-4 Sec. 14 (see page 86)

Garber: near S. E. corner N. E: 1-4 Sec. 25, Allison Twp. - Recorded April 1907. by Garber Cemetery Ass'n.

St. John's Lutheran: N. E. corner of S. E. 1-4 Sec. 31, Olive Twp.

Territorial cemetery laws were less strict, and many plats were not recorded, as required since statehood: and Hayward is among others recorded after they were first used - among the first put there being a daughter of Art. and Roxie Hayward. (and a section hand whose name was not known.

SOME PRICES THEN AND NOW

1893 - 1900	1950-52
Bacon 6c lb.	58c
Ham 10c	70c
Salt Side 4c	30c
Butter 8c	80c
Coffee - Parched 15c	53c
" Green 10c	
Crackers 10c lb.	25c
Cheese 10 - 12c lb.	60c
Eggs 2 - 4c Doz.	40c
Flour - 50 lbs. 65c	\$1.50
Corn Meal 3c lb.	20c
Oatmeal 5c lb.	15c
Potatoes: Irish, 50c bu.	\$6.00
Sorghum gal'n 50c	\$1.50
Sugar; Cane 10c lb.	50c
Calico 5c yd.	35c
Gingham 15c yd	70c
Cotton Hose 10 - 15c	\$1.50
Corn 25c bu.	\$1.80
Castor Beans 50c bu	\$5.00
Cotton \$3.00 cwt.	\$35.00
Oats 20c bu.	\$1.00
Wheat 25c	\$2.04

1893-1900	.....	.....	1950-52
Brooms 15 - 25c			\$1.50
Axle Grease 10c	.....	.....	25c
Plows (16 inch moldboard)			\$10,00
” (4 lathe Tractor)	.....	.....	\$500,00
Garden Hoe 25c	.....	.....	\$1.75

Coffee and Crackers came to the merchant in barrels. Many of the stirring - walking plows (Ploh-plough) turned the the soil to the left. "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together" - Deut. 22:10 Plow was then "a crooked stick with the wooden share sometimes shod with a heart shaped piece of iron" and was more a single shovel than a turning plow.

MORTGAGES AND DEEDS

The first Garfield (then O*) County, mortgage on record was from J. R. Gregg to C. M. Gregg on a half interest in Lot 3, block 13 (North side of Main and East of Grand) and a frame building with tent cover (canvas roof?) "together with saloon fixtures in said building", for \$1100.00, dated Oct. 25, 1893, @

Of the 300 or more mortgages on land in Marshall Township during the first 50 years. the first on record was of Mar, 24, 1896, from Robert O. Keltner to Ellery Hayhurst, on Lots 4 & 5 and S. 1-2 of N. W. 1-4 Sec. 5, for \$100,00, for 18 months at 12%

* So made by U. S. survey, but first mortgage in Marshall Twp. refers to Garfield Co., and homesteader A. B. Brown says the name was changed at an election to which three names were submitted: and perhaps townships were named at elections, or by Twp. boards.

@ Records were then handwritten instead of photostat copies, and the scrivener mistakenly also entered payment of the obligation as due Jan. 25, 1893.

Mortgage (Latin. mort - dead, and gage - pledge) originally included delivery of the security to the mortgagee, on condition that the property be returned to the mortgagor if and when the debt was paid.

The first land Mtg. in Reed Twp, was from Leopold & Mary Francis Villeroy to Deming Investment Co., July 18, 1895, on N. W. 1-4, Sec. 21, for \$400,00, to be repaid in gold.

First Mtg. on farm in Otter, was Jan, 14, 1895, from Geo. W. Grimm to John W. Riley, on S. W. 1-4 Sec, 35, for \$265.00.

And the first mortgage on terra firma in Wood Twp., May 27' 1898, from Wm. F. Donohoe, to Bartholomew Murphy, for \$672.00.

Of the some 600 Warranty and Quit Claim DEEDS * to Marshall Twp. land during the first 50 years. the first was from Elias Bishop to Bartholomew Murphy, July 21, 1895, of the S. W. 1-4 Sec. 8, for \$1,000.00. (with a notorial 'My term expires' and 'My commission expires —')

* Conveyance to Abraham (see footnote page 194) was a verbal transfer in the presence of witnesses (Gen. 23): and Boaz got a verbal quit claim deed, acknowledged by the grantor pulling off his shoe in the presence of witnesses (Ruth 4): but a sale to Jeremiah was written, witnessed, and sealed and open 'evidence of the purchase' put in a pot for safekeeping (Jer. 32.

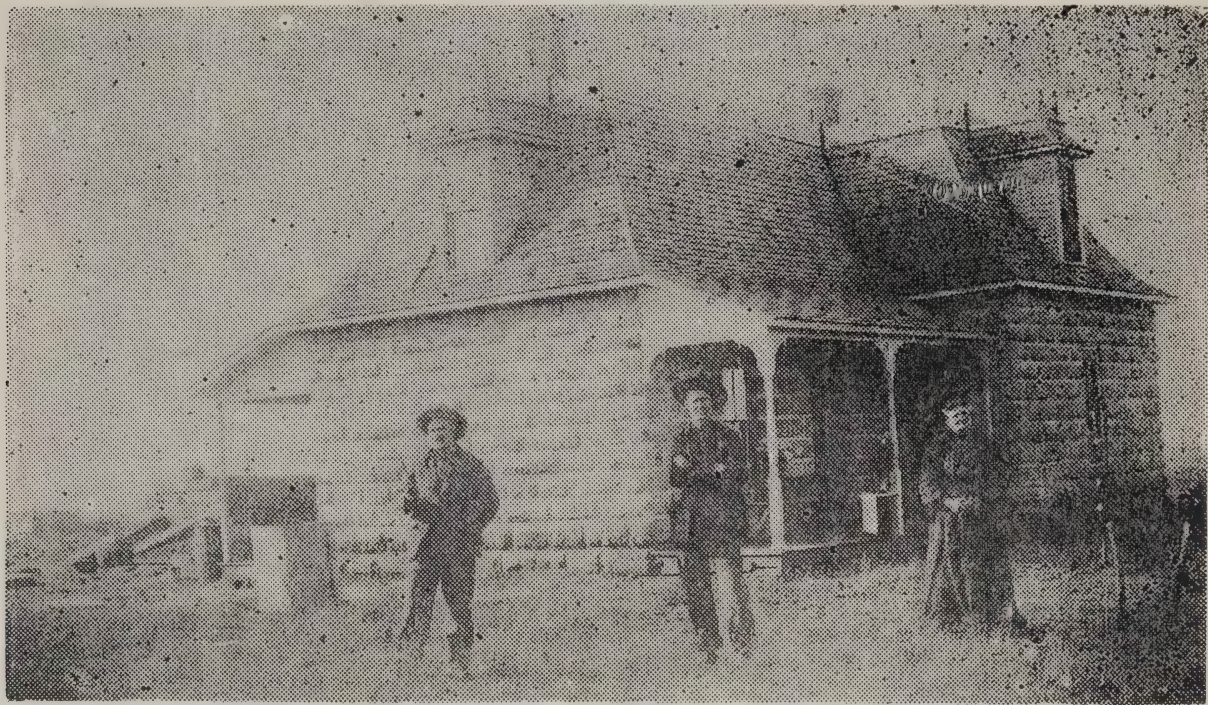
First farm sold in Reed Twp. was S. W. 1-4 of Sec. 27, Aug. 1' 1895, from Ben M. Smith to S. T. Rice, for \$700.00.

First alienation in Otter Twp. was from George H. Grimm to George W. Grimm, of S. W. 1-4 Sec. 35, for \$750.00, subject to Mtg. of \$265.00 (given by Geo. H., instead of Geo. W. Grimm, as mistakenly entered on previous page)

And first such grant in Wood, was from Maggie E. Dale to Frank B. Bogess, C. R. Stull and I. F. Donoho Trustees; to 1 acre, beginning 42 rods E. of N. W. corner of N. W. 1-4 Sec. 3, then 10 rods South, 16 East, North, and West to beginning, May 3' 1897, "for Church and Sunday School purposes" (and attested by D. M. Bogess, Twp. Justice of the Peace - until 1912, J. Ps. could take acknowledgments without being Notaries)

If thou at all take thy neighbor's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down: For that is his covering only, it is his raiment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep —. (Exodus 22: 26-7)

Some also there were that said, we have mortgaged our lands, vineyards and houses, that we might buy corn because of the dearth. There were also that said, we have borrowed money for the Kings tribute, and that upon our lands and vineyards. (Nehemiah 5: 3-4)



Stone house of Archibald Richard and Rebecca Francis Butts, on N. W. Sec. 26 Wood Twp., with Elbert standing between his parents.

MISCELLANEOUS

Some who filed on claims, relinquished and left so soon they were hardly or barely settlers, and some who filed on relinquishments (footnote page 16) were not very early settlers, but records show the following homesteaders besides those mentioned on pages 16 to 23:-

Marshall Twp. Elias Bishop, Anna Boren, Elizabeth Bryant, Lucius Bushnell, Albert Birch, Mary E. Buzard, Mary A. Brown, Pat Burns, Bertella R. Cooper, Cha's E. Day, Ja's H. Doty, John Q. Gray, David E. Howes, John S James, Jas. Joseph, Synthea Kelly, Chris. Kaiser, Luther Kawood, Michael Knucht, Geo. Liddke, Chas. & Wm. Lieber, Geo. F. Major, Frank M. Martin, Wm. Mercer, Ernest Moyer, Sam Nealis, Viola Newman, John E. Ogden, Milton Powell, Joseph Raborn, Elizabeth Reed, John Robertson, Wm. Russel, Isabella Searight, Ernest Seiber, John Shields, Frank Starling, Lewis Stockwell, Martha Taylor, Arbula Thomas, Mat. Vaughn, C. J. Ward, Jas. J. Watson, Emeline Wilder, Henry, John W. & Wm. M. Wilson, Frank & Rebecca Zoellner.

Reed Twp.; Frank Bradfield, Alb't J., Geo. A., John G., Royal A. & Wm. H. Brown, Frank Campbell, Fannie Chapman, O. S. Coker, Wm.. F Donley Robt A. Estes, Thos. J. Evans, Ed. Gillingham, Allis M. Gingrich, John Glass, Amos W. Hall, Albt. C. Hedrick, W. L. Helton, Joseph E. Hickenbottom, A. C. Hight, R. L. Hixon, Chas. Howe, Henry Lear, Emm Loycon, Wm. E. McKean, R. F. McPherson, Isaac & W. E. Miller, Zelma Mouldin, Byron H. Murphy, Ben C, Parnell, Wm. S. Peebler, Peter A. Riley, Edna A. Rout, Sat Rowden. Wm. F. Scritchfield, Nancy & Sheridan Shanks, Ben M. & Raymond Smith, Irvin H. Stafiord, Wm. W. Stevens, John C. Traver, Mitchell A. Tullous, Leopold Vieroy, John C. Ward, Harvey W. Watt, Geo. D. Wilson.

Wood Twp.; A. G. Acton, Andrew Abrams, Joseph J. Belile, Jas. P. Bellows, Frank P. Bogges, Geo, W. & Zoella Brown, Felix J. Chelf, John B. Criswell, John R. & Wm. F. Dale, Wm. F Donoho, Isaac F. Dover, Perry Duval, John W. Ellis, Wm. F. Gossin, Geo. F. Greenlee, Jonn W. Harris, Wm. B. Hathaway, Samuel A. Hayward, Alex B.

Holliday, Sarah Jayne, Hugh A. Jackson, John F. Karrel, George Keltner, Del. Koch, Thos. Knott, Orville D. LeGrant, John H. Leslie, Christian Lichti, Henry A. Lilly, Friend Mann, H. L. McAfee, Martin F. Mckean, Mortiga T. & Thos. J. Mitchell, Geo. Moats, Laura Mockabee, Chas. C. Osborn, Chas. A. Overton, Scott Paul, Oliver M. Paige, Wm. P. Pedigo, Asa Phelps, Jas. E. Pitts, John W. Plumer, Frank & Isaac Reed, Abel R. Rhodes, Jas. W. Rich, Katie T. Ring, Isaac Sample, Alfred Sanders, John Schmitz, Nancy D. Sherry, Andrew J. Snyder, Geo. Snyder, Ed. M. Stanley, Jas. O. Stineff, Cassius M., Kirk, & Wm. O. Stotts, Allie M. & Wm. H. Stratton, Robt. A. Thompson, David Thornton, Jas. R. Tobin, Geo. W. Townsend, Enos Vaughn, Lewis Windler, Lester S. Wycoff, Aron & Trever Yost, Herman Zochart,

Otter Twp.: Chas. A. Arand, Delbert Baldwin, Alvin H., Andrew W., & John M. Bateman, Chas. B. Batterson, John M. Beard, Elmer Brameus, Jas. W. & Wm. O. Butcher, Jas. W. & Wm. O. Carter, Henry C. Chittum, Vilendo R. Clodfelter, Olive J. Cook, Fred C. Darland,

Marius L. Embree, Homer E. Fess, John H. Fitzgerald, Walter J. Fooshee, Joseph P. Gibson, Andrew Grey, Geo. H. Grim, Geo. F. Groom, Amos A. Hamby, John S. Harms, Jas. Howard, Steven Helton, Levi F. & Thena L. Hunt, W. C. Jackson, Joseph K. Julien, Jas. H. Keller, Edgar A. Kelly, Herman Leistikow, Chas. B. Long, Mathew & Vanbert Mahan, Jas. F. McKenzie, Eli C. Miles, Joseph Miller, Elizabeth Maylan, Jas. F. McKenzie, Wm. A. Rayborn, John M. Rice, Henry M. Newby, Otto Pfeffer, Henry Poindexter, Lucien A. Puckett, Wm. H. Sade, Wm. H. Sandusky, Louis Schneider, Carey E. Shaner, Wm. T. Shedrick, Margaret Shores, Jasper Smith, Bernard S. Sobstad, Wm. H. Starkweather, Thos. A. Starrett, U. G. Stevens, Chas. Thompson, Solon & Thos. Walker, Samuel Williams, Jas. B., Preston L. & Wm. D. Walker.

Some patents were not recorded until after mortgages and deeds were given to the land, and a few patents seem to have never been put on record. Also more homesteaders than land, because through relinquishment there was sometimes two or more successive owners of the same land, 'proved up' by only the last relinquishee; and some contests were settled by the claimants dividing the land (two

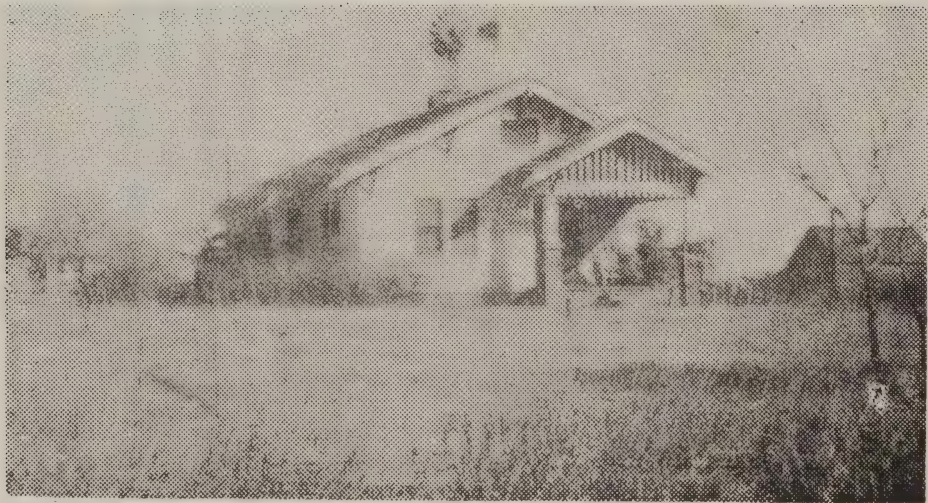
Adam and Eve left home, but they didn't go anywhere except just out from the Garden of Eden. Cain went from Eden to Nod, after he slew Abel; but not many Strippers came on account of crime (though candidates were often accused of being here because of misdeeds elsewhere)

To get away from Egyptian bondage, and without knowing where they were going, the Israelites went to Canan, toward which they were led by a "Pillar of fire by night, and a pillar of cloud by day"; but the exodus to the Strip was from many places, by incomers who knew where they were going, and were led by pillars of hope and determination.

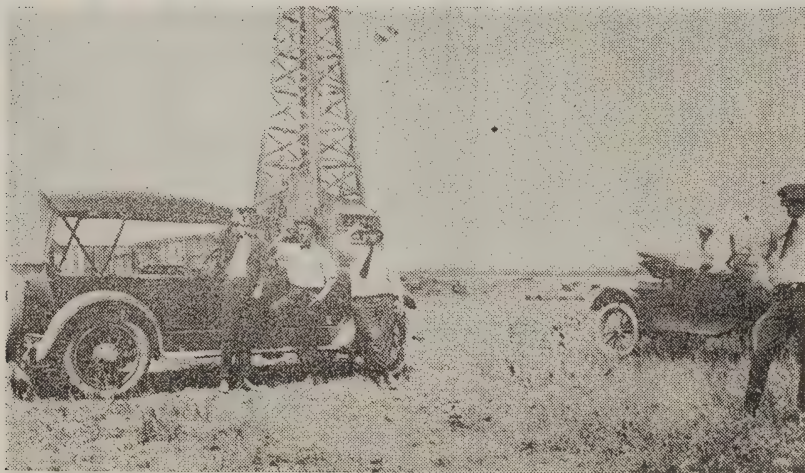
The Mohammedan hegira of a few hundred stragglers from Mecca to Medina, an oasis in Arabia "two camel marches" (some 250 miles) North of Mecca, began 622 A.D. for religious and other freedom; was small and slow compared to the rush of an estimated 100,000 boomers for around 35,000 quarters and fractions of Strip land - too dry to give a thirsty camel a good drink.

or more homeseekers might 'stake' the same quarter without any of them knowing there was any other claimant) also spouses and children of homesteaders, who came then or soon thereafter, were early settlers too.

The few Pilgrims from Plymouth, England, who founded the first permanent colony in America, at Plymouth, Mass., were followed by others for awhile, and all sailed across the Atlantic to a settlement among hostile Indians: while most of the Striptairians came in prairie schooners on wheels, instead of ocean schooners under sails, and chinch bugs were their first worst enemies.



Eisele Home on Shorthorn Valley Farm



Another early oil rig (from Mrs. Fred Wolf)

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