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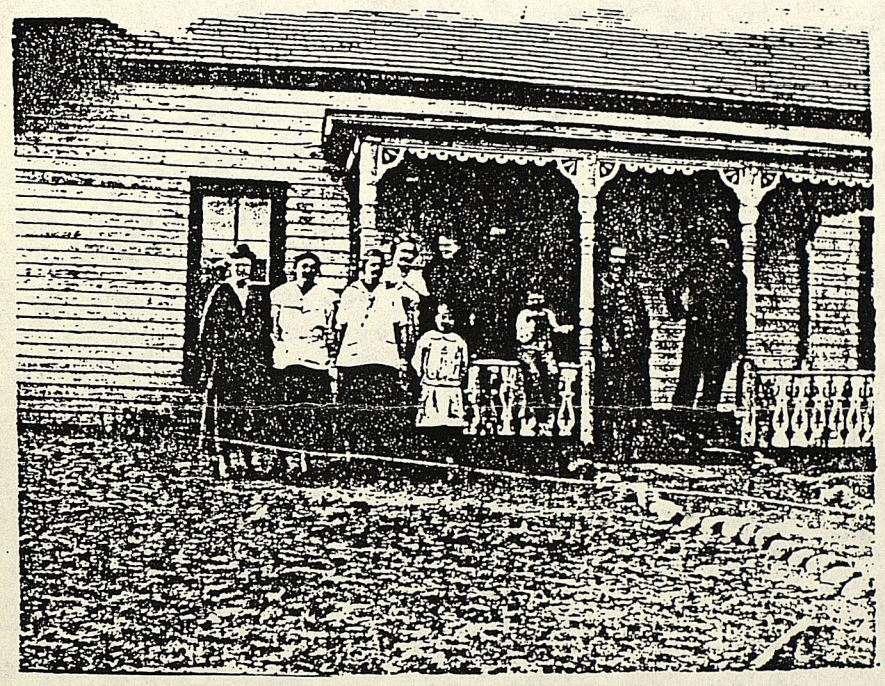
DERRICKS AND CADDELS IN BORDEN COUNTY

By Jean Caddel

Having only been in Gail once last October 14, it may seem odd that I should presume to attempt any type of story about our family in Borden County. However, my husband's parents, Elmer & Callie Caddel, were married there and had many vivid memories of the area, so I came in quest of more information about their stay there and found all with whom I came in contact most helpful. Since then I have discovered some old clippings from the Gail paper among their things.

It seems that George B. & Rhetta Keeling Derrick sold their land in Jack County in 1912 and followed two daughters who were already in Borden County. One was Exa, a daughter by G. B.'s first wife, who was married to Jim Christopher; the other Vida, who had married Joseph William (Willie) Caddel, back in Jack County. They bought land in 1914 from Jim Christopher and built a house which still stands, though abandoned, at the south edge of town.



DERRICK HOME PLACE AND FAMILY
Left to right: Mamie, Vida, Callie, Ada, Maggie, Henry Retta and G, B. Derrick. Children: Elsie and Leslie

Virgil, the oldest son by this marriage, married Susie Spears, daughter of the druggist in town, I believe. Virgil had the blacksmith shop.

Back in Jack County, the Caddel farm had been near the Derrick farm and evidently, the two families were quite attracted to each other. The parents were JOseph Doty & Julian Evaline (Eva) Parrish Caddel. J. D. Caddel's Grandfather, Andrew, fought in the Battle of San Jacinto. Marvin, one of their sons soon found his way to Borden Co. and he and Mamie Derrick were married October 4, 1914 by W. C. Hart.

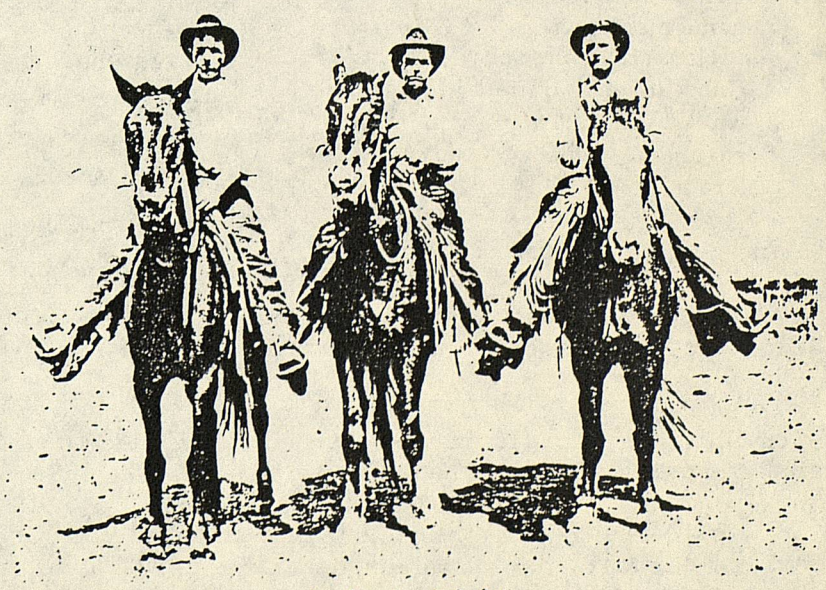
Then Elmer made his way to the Crosbyton area in 1912 and worked on several ranches in that area. His Uncle, Pink Parrish, who encouraged him to come, was the County Judge of Crosby County, later State Senator and Mayor of Lubbock. By 1914, Elmer too had found his way to Borden County and began working on the Goodwin Ranch; however, I'm thinking, it was partly to keep an eye on Callie Derrick.

In 1915, Ada Derrick was married to Roy Everett, son of J. Y. Everett, then Sheriff of Borden County.

It was Friday, October 10, 1916, when a terrible tragedy befell the family. Willie Caddel was thrown from his horse at the Goodwin Ranch and died the following Tuesday, October 14. The following clipping from THE BORDEN CITIZEN relates the incident. (Editor's Note: See next Page.)

Just as Callie was getting old enough for Elmer to pursue more seriously, the army had other plans for him. He got his first call on September 5, 1917, but another went in his stead, so he was delayed until the 21st according to the article following about the SOLDIER'S RALLY.

Two letters sent from Camp Travis in San Antonio by Elmer & Nat McCoy were also published in THE BORDEN CITIZEN. The dates are missing but Elmer shipped out in early 1918, so it must have been shortly after they



Left to Right:
Elmer, Marvin, and Willie Caddell

Willie Caddell Accidently Killed

On Friday morning of last week one of the saddest accidents occurred at the Godwin Ranch that has happened in this community in many years. Willie Caddell, while trying to catch a loose horse, was thrown and recieved injuries from which he never recovered.

One of Mr. Christopher's boys' horse got loose with the saddle on and he went to catch him and the accident happened. no one knows exactly how, but it is thought that his horse ran into the loose one and both were knocked down. The ground was torn up and the tracks of both horses were mixed up at the place. The horn of the saddle he was riding had mud on it and there was a hole in the that looked like it was made with a saddle horn, but he was found about forty-eight feet away.

He was picked up unconscious and carried to the house not far away. Dr. Hannabass was sent for, then Dr. Ponton of Post then Dr. Clayton and a trained nurse from Lubbock.

The Doctors were baffled as there were no bones broken or bad cuts or bruises. There was a slight bruise almost in the temple they were sure was the seat of the trouble. He kept sinking and as a last resort to save his life an operation was performed Monday afternoon and about three spoonfulls of blood was taken from the brain

He never regained consciousness from the time he was hurt untill, inspite of all that medical skill and a trained nurse and the loving hands of relatives and kind hands could do, he passed away Tuesday morning, about 4 o'clock.

All his immediate family got here before he died, his father and mother and two sisters from Jack county but he knew it not

The funeral services were held at the ranch Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. P Nall of Snyder and the body was laid to rest in the Gail cemetary late the same afternoon.

Willie came from Jack county to this county several years ago and married the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Derrick some five years ago. He was well known and liked in this community as an honest hard working boy. He was working for Tom Clayton at the time of his death and had been for a year.

The Citizen joins their friends in extending heartfelt sympathy to all the bereaved ones and especially to the desolate wife.

M Jack Co. 4-30-1911
Fri, Oct 10, 1916 d. Oct. 14

From Elmer Caddell

Dear Callie:

Will write you a few words. I am doing fine. Guess you had about decided I was not going to write any more. I have had one letter from you since I arrived. Papa has written me one time. We are all enjoying ourselves as well as can be. There are so many new things to see a fellow can't keep from enjoying it. Walter Jolly, Jess Slaughter, Tom Slaughter, Tony Gabrle and myself are all in the same place.

How are everybody at Gail? Guess it looks quite different to what it did since it has rained so much. Tell everybody hello for me.

I am as ever,
Elmer Caddell.

SOLDIERS RALLY

Thursday night, September, 20, a patriotic ralley was was given in the school auditorium at Gail, under the auspices of the Odd Fellow Lodge in honor of the Borden County boys who were selected for military service and were about to depart for Camp Travis for military training. The program consisted of music, elocution and speech making by the citizens. After the program was over all went down stairs where refreshments were served and a general good time was had.

Those present as soldiers were: Elmer Caddell, Nat McCoy, V. L. Skeen and Walter Jolly.

The next day they went to Fluvanna to take the train for Camp Travis, accompanied by several friends.

Walter Jolly was put in charge of the rquad and had the meal tickets. He said they would have a good time eating as they were allowed 60c a meal, but not limited as to how often they should eat and could eat every fifteen minutes if they so desired.

Besides the four boys mentioned above there were two other Borden County boys went in this squad. Truman Rose and John Reynolds joined them at Fort Worth and went on to Camp Travis with them. This makes seven of Borden County's quoto of fourteen in camp, Richard Cross having gone on the first call.

Elmer Caddell, Nat McCoy and Walter Jolly have been heard from since they got to camp. Walter and Elmer were put on the Mounted Military Police and Nat was put in the Truck service. All are well pleased with their work and their Officer, and find themselves more pleasently situated than they expected.

left. Nat McCoy was a cousin to Elmer, Marvin & Willie Caddel, his mother having been Mary E. Caddel McCoy, sister of J. D. Caddel.

Elmer went first to England and then to La Harve, France, as a Pvt. 1st Class 288th M. P. Co. 90th Div. He was discharged June 16, 1919 in San Antonio, immediately caught a train, stopped off at Big Spring where he had his money, drew it out of the bank and headed straight for Borden County.

Callie was visiting in Lubbock, so he went right on to Lubbock. He worked for his Uncle Pink Parrish east of there for the next few months until they were married in Borden County on December 17, 1919, by S. B. Cox, Minister.

Until the spring of 1920, Elmer worked at a gin in Lamesa then returned to Borden County and rented an 160 acre farm "on the halves". Crops weren't too good but they did get $2.85 per bu. for the wheat they made. When they married, a sister gave them twelve hens and someone else gave

A Letter from Nat McCoy

To The Citizen: Dear Friends, don't think for a moment that dear old Borden isn't represented in this problem we have confronting us at present, although we have been silent for quite a while. During our silence we have been preparing ourselves for better subjects, and feel we are making progress along this line, but if we haven't been, it is all a fault of our own, for we have the proper training material.

There are four of Borden's representatives in this company, C. C. Freeman, T. C. Rose, V. L. Skeen and myself. All seem to be well pleased and in good health, except Rose, who has been in the hospital with the measles; but we are now glad to see him back in quarters improving nicely.

Walter Jolly and Elmer Caddel who are located in the Mounted Police Company,—which we are glad to say is one of our neighbors—are in good health and making good progress in the new life they have entered.

So cheer up, dear old Borden we are few in number, but strong in will and mean to represent you all the way through.

Keep the home fires burning and tell all our friends we are still in the ring. Best wishes to The Citizen and its many readers.

Yours truly,
J. N. McCOY

them a rooster and a hen, so with eggs, cows, hogs, etc. on the side, they made ends meet as people seemed to be able to do in those days.

The G. B. Derricks, with the children left at home, moved to Idalou, Texas, in early 1920. Elmer and Callie traded what was left in the field to Jim Christopher, the brother-in-law, for two mules and a wagon and took off for Lorenzo. Household possessions consisted of a four burner stove, round table, six chairs, bed and dresser. My husband, E. George Caddel was born in Crosbyton in 1925. The family lived in Idalou and then settled in Lubbock.

Virgil and Susie and Mamie and Marvin later went to the Idalou area; also Vida married J. O. Easter in Crosbyton. All of the family settled in the Lubbock-Idalou area with the exception of Ada Everett and Exa Christopher who went to the O'Donnell area and Henry, the half-brother, who remained in the Pecos-Big Spring area.

Because of poor health, we were forced to move Elmer and Callie to Waxahachie in 1982. He died later that year and we lost her in April of 1986, but they always thought longingly of their friends in West Texas. Elmer remembered those good old days when he was "cow-poking" in Borden County and I believe they were his fondest memories because he talked of his experiences during that time more than any other one thing.

So, now you see why I spent a day visiting in your area with many nice people locating Willie's grave and the old Derrick place. I am anxious to return and and would like to drop in for a visit with the good folks in Borden County.

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THE PARKERS

by Lester Parker

Hello, I am the youngest Son and the only boy and a Sister, Opal Haynes, are all that is left of the J. I. and M. J. Parker Family.

I was born in Hale County, Texas, in the town of Hale Center in the year of 1904. My family left Hale Center and came to Lynn County in the year of 1905 and we lived in Lynn County until the year of 1907. At that time my family moved to Borden County, Texas to a community called Berry Flat that is in the northwest part of the County. It got it's name from Granddad Berry that owned the place where the first one room School House was built and it had a pretty good size draw or Flat that ran by the place. The Berrys lived in a four room, two story house until they died about 1922 or 1923.

I will never forget that place because I went to my first School there in the year of 1909. I was just five years old and I will never forget my first teacher. He was a man by the name of Mr. Brown Bishop. He taught school and also taught singing and music. I have heard him sing and play music several times after I gre up.

I will name some of the first ones I went to school with in first grade at Berry Flat. They are Leona or (Owney) Berry. The Simpson family, Martha Lou, Mary, Mack and Leander. The Asie Jones family, being Ethel, Pearl, Clara, Asie, Jr. and Thurman. The R. I, Riley Raines family being Lovie and Wallace Raines. Also the Parkers, being Rayborn, Dewey and I, Lester Parker.

I will try to mention all of our neighbors at Berry Flat from 1907 until 1918. Uncle Mack M. M. Simpson and family being four girls, Mildred (Simpson) Edwards and Lydia (Simpson) Tate, Martha Lou Simpson and Mary (Simpson) Cargile. There were four Simpson boys, Montgomery (Dick), Mack, Leander, and Holland. They are all deceased except Holland. At the present ime he lives in the City of O'Donnell, Texas.

The Asie Jones family lived about one half mile east of the Simpsons. They had three girls named Ethel (Burdett) Jones, Pearl and Clara. Also two boysn Asie, Jr. and Thurman. I know that Ethel, Asie, Jr. and Thurman are all deceased but I know nothing about the others after they left

Berry Flat.

Then there was the R. I. Riley Raines Family that has a girl named Lovie and a boy named Wallace that came to the old one room school house at Berry Flat with us. They later had another boy born in 1915, named A. J. Raines. They are all deceased.

These are all that I can remember going to the old Berry Flat school while we were going to the first school. In 1913 they moved the school house one mile north of the old one to the southeast corner of the Asie Jones place and used it until the year of 1916. In 1916, they tore the old building down and built a bigger and better building and used it for School and Church Services and for Church services in the summertime. This is where I finished my school days. Granddad now lived one mile south of the school house and they had two girls and three boys. I do not remember the name of the oldest girl but the others were named Leona (Owney) Berry (Simpson), John, Will and Griff Berry. They are all deceased.

Other families who went to school at Berry Flat after it was moved to the Asie Jones place are: The Lamb family moved in about 1916 to a place a mile and a half south of Granddad Berry's place and they had two boys who came to school with us by the names of Jim and Joe Lamb. They moved to Whiteface in about 1918.

A family that lived on the Asie Jones place was named Gray. They had three boys named Levi, Garland and Johnney and they are all deceased.

Also about 1916 a family named Walter Hancock moved south of Berry Flat about three miles and had two boys, Eldon and Homer, and two girls, Roxie and Ivey Dimple Hancock. Also that same year, the Cicero Floyd family joined us in school. They had two girls named Gracie and Lena Sue Floyd.

In 1918 and 1918, there was a family by the name of R. O. Ratliff that lived about four miles on west that had four boys and three girls who came to the Berry Flat school. Their names were Clyde, Roy, Vernon, Melvin and Opal, Ruby and one other girl that I do not remember her name. They are all deceased at this time.

The Edd C. Russell family that lived three miles west of Berry Flat had a girl named Floy that taught the school there one year. They had another girl named Arlene and one I do not know her name. They also had three boys, Sam, Edward (better known as Doodle) and C. C. (Bunk). They came to school with us in 1917 and 1918 and are all deceased except Arlene.

There were two Wilson girls who came to school there in 1916. They were named Willie Wilson (Roye) and Ruby Wilson (Russell) and are both now dead.

A family by the name of Johnson lived by the old school house and had three boys by the names of Virgil, Tommy and Erskin and went to school with us in 1916. They left Berry Flat and moved to Wilson, Texas in 1917.

A family that lived a half mile east of the school was named P. G. (Curley) Galneau. They had one girl named Helen Jane and a boy named G. T. Galneau. The boy is now deceased.

A family by the name of Walls lived one mile east of the school until 1915 when they sold out to G. W. George Burdett from Seymour, Texas. The Burdetts had two girls, Leola Burdett (Dunn) and Dorothy Burdett (Kropp) and three boys named Roy, TRoy and G. W., Jr. I knew all of the Burdett family including George Burdett's mother, father and brothers, Robert, Jim, John, Ralph, and Tobe.

The Milt Fuller family moved to Berry Flat in 1916 and lived east of the George Burdett family. They had one girl named Jessie Fuller and a boy named Kennon Fuller that went to school with us.

The Zedlitz family moved from Capitan, New Mexico to Berry Flat in the year of 1917. They lived just north of the De Shazo hill. They had four boys, Otto, John, Henry and Danny, and three girls, named Flora, Lenora and Mary.

Then there was my family, the family of J. I. and M. J. Parker. We lived a mile and a half west of the De Shazo hill. There were two daughters, May Parker (Hendricks) and Opal Parker (Haynes). Also six boys, T. I. Tom, Jim, John, Rayborn, Dewey and me, Lester. All of my family is deceased except sister Opal Haynes and myself.

There was the De Shazos that lived on the place that is called the DeShazo hill to this day and was the old stagecoach and mail hack stop. My brother Jim drove this line between Gail and Tahoka in about 1909 and 1910. Speaking of the stage coaches, by brother John, was the keeper of the station and he would have to take care of the teams and see that they were ready to go when the stage came in.

Sometime later the J. Y. Everetts bought the ranch and operated it until about 1917. At one time his sons Harvey and Roy Everett lived on it. I bought my first saddle horse from Harvey and he was a moon eyed horse and could find more things to get scared of at night than any horse I ever had.

I will never forget that when they lived there they had to haul water from our place and that it was Dewey Everett's job to haul the water. He would haul it in a big tin tank and when he would come down the steep, tall hill, you could see it a long ways. He worked a team of black and grey

mules. He would go down that hill so fast you could hear him for two or three miles. That old tank would rattle and bounce so loud it would wake everybody in the Country.

The Bob Hurley family lived at the edge of the Caprock east of us. They had a team of sorrel horses that sure were pretty. They worked the team to a fringe top surrey and did not use them for anything else. They had two daughters but I have forgotten their names and two boys named Luke and Luther. I can never forget Luther for I stayed one Saturday night with him. He was trapping down under the Caprock and the next morning being Sunday, he said, "Let's go and run the traps." We started out and when we got to where his traps were set, he had a BOBCAT in one. He reached for his gun and said, "Oh my gosh, I forgot my gun, what are we going to do?" I told him that I did not know. We decided to try to kill him by throwing rocks at him. It took us about five or ten minutes to kill it. When we went up to the trap, that is when somebody was watching over two crazy boys. When we saw that just one toe was all that was holding him, we both like to have fainted! He said that he would never do that again. I never saw him anymore after that as they moved some where around Ardmore, Oklahoma the same year. That was in 1917.

In 1920 a Mr. Jim Stuart moved to Borden County from San Angelo, Texas, to a place northeast of us about a half of mile. I fell in love with the oldest daughter by the name of Lora Dee Stuart and we married in the year of 1922. We continued to live in Borden County until we moved to Dawson County in 1935.

In the year of 1910 my family moved to Fluvanna, Texas, to send my brothers, Rayborn, Dewey and me to school there.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Lester Parker's Story will be continued in the next issue of THE BORDEN CITIZEN.)

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WILLIAM H. MILLER, 69, died March 1, 1987 in Coleman, Texas. William was a native of Borden County and was the son of Bill and Winnie Miller. He had lived in South Dakota most of his life, but had recently moved to Coleman. He is survived by his wife, Billie Marie, three daughters, one son, his mother, Winnie (Chandler) Miller, a brother, James Weldon (Jim) Miller and five grandchildren.

JAYNIE LORENE WESTBROOK, 74, OF Lamesa passed away March 27, 1987. She came to Lamesa in 1929 from McCaulley. Survivors include two sons, Ross of Gail and Jim of Henrietta, a daughter, Ruth Ann LaBorde of George West, two sisters, nine grandchildren and two grest-grandchildren.

LEO BEAVER, 78, of Fluvanna died April 7, 1987. He was born June 9, 1908 in Hamlin. He was a mem- of the Fluvanna Methodist Church and a stock farmer. He is survived by his wife, two sons, James and Chad, all of Fluvanna, two sisters, Mrs. Pat (Odyne) Jones of Borden County and Mattie Lynn Stine of Wichita Falls and a brother Bill of Sweetwater.

VIRGIL R. CLARK, 81, of Big Spring passed away April 10, 1987. He was born in Gail on Dec. 18, 1905. He was raised in Borden County. He married Edith Bennett Sept. 9, 1925 in Borden Co. They moved to Big Spring in 1970. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Norman V. Clark of Richardson and Weldon B. Clark of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, V. L. Clark of Gail; and five grandchildren.

ROBERT GARNER, 81, who lived near Vincent in Borden County died May 18, 1987 in a Big Spring Hospital. He was born in Mitchell County and was a retired oilfield welder, farmer and rancher. He was married to Nina Ola Hubbard Oct. 27, 1927. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Dale of Belair and Gene of Borden County, and a daughter, Nelda Elkins of Macon, Miss. Also three sister, including Lilliss JOnes of Borden County.

EARL CALHOUN, 68, of Lamesa died June 13, 1987 in a Lubbock hospital. He was born in Hardeman County and lived most of his life in Lamesa. He had been a rancher and farmer most of his life and was a former resident of Borden County. Survivors include a son, Arlan; and two daughters, Connie Edwards of Lamesa dn Holly Calhoun of O'Donnell.

ELMA CLARA SMITH, passed away June 18, 1987 in a Lubbock hospital. Born in Culberson County, she had lived in Borden County before moving to Lamesa in 1977. She married R. T. (Bud) Smith on May 31, 1926 in Lynn County. He died in 1968. Burial was in the Gail Cemetery. She was the mother of Larry Smith and Jerry Smith, both of Gail. Other survivors include five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

WALLACE JONES, 91, passed away with services June 22, 1987 in Fluvanna. He was a lifelong resident of Fluvanna. He was a farmer, rancher and operated Fluvanna Mercantile Co. from 1919 to 1957. He married Celia Stavely on Dec. 11, 1920. She died in 1985. Survivors include two sons, W. H., Jr. of Snyder and W. A. of Fluvanna; a brother, C. D. (Pat) of Fluvanna; nine grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

JUDGE WAYLAND G. HOLT, 72, of Snyder died June 17, 1987. He was a former District Attorney and District Judge for Scurry and Borden Counties. He had been a resident of Snyder since 1949. He is well remembered for his service to Borden County. He lived up to his comment when assuming office as District Judge, "I have many friends and probably several enemies, but while on the bench I have no friends to favor and no enemies to punish".

JAMES PRINCE, of Albuquerque, New Mexico died in 1983. THE BORDEN CITIZEN recently received a letter from his widow, Alma that said, "I am sorry I have not written you a letter before now. My husband passed away Nov. 10, 1983. He was the last of the Prince Children. Arthur Prince was born

Nov. 24, 1890 and died May 27, 1983. Golda Prince was born in 1891 and has passed away. Winnie P. Goodwill was born June 1895 and died October 13, 1982. Mollie Prince Vondy was born September 1899 and died August 6, 1980. My husband, James Prince was born Nov. 26, 1902 and died Nov. 10, 1983. Looking forward to being in Gail again. Alma Prince, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

LETTERS FROM THE PENS OF OUR READERS

We really enjoy THE BORDEN CITIZEN. It is no newsy and homey, just like hearing from the family. My Aunt Emma and Uncle Bill Brooks were settlers in Borden County in the early 1900's. Ran a heard of horses on open range for several years and would write to the family back in Callahan County about the Gail area. They loved it and so did the family through their letters. Please send us the paper for another year. Mrs. Cecil Allred, Ackerly
(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any of those letters, we would appreciate having a copy of them.)

I am sending my subscription for the paper. I do not want to miss one. All my relatives are in West Texas. I started to school at 6 years of age in Gail when my Dad and Mother was in the Hotel. Tom Smith or Uncle Tom everyone called my Dad. Eddie Jenkins, Athens, Texas

Enclosed is my check to renew my subscription...I enjoy it so much, please do not let me overlook it when time comes for renewal. I have been gone many years but THE BORDEN CITIZEN brings news from so many that I remember. I am now 84 years old and have not been to Gail many times since I was 18 but I have a warm feeling for Gail. I was born in Borden County nine miles east of Gail. Dr. Hannabas was the doctor then. I believe my twin, Nora and I were the first twins on record in Borden County.
Cora Sealy,

Please renew my subscription for THE BORDEN CITIZEN. I too was born in Gail, Texas in 1904.
Imogene Taylor, Portales, New Mex.

I am mailing a check to you for THE BORDEN CITIZEN. We enjoy it. Thanks to Betty Beaver for getting us inthused in coming to Old Settlers Reunion in 1986. My husband was born in Borden County, close to Gail. Hope to make it back some time, but at our age, we are pretty old. I'm 80 and Mike 84, He was born in 1902. Mike and Modena Shaw, Mountainair, New Mex.

Thank you for your lovely paper. I can not tell you how much we enjoyed the Museum about 2 years ago. My mother was Hattie (Smith) Jeter, who was born in Gail in 1901. Her parents, Jim and Lillie (Hopkins) Smith left Gail, with their family in 1912. Until her death in 1982, my mother told stories about Gail. Her Dad had a blacksmith shop there. She always remembered the ringing of the old anvil. About 1910, so many people in Gail had typhoid fever. Everyone was so good to help everyone else. A member of one family would even live-in with another family - thus being quarantined and away from their own family for a longperiod of time. Neighbors would leave food at the door of a quarantined family. Everybody in Gail had cisterns for their drinking water - didn't they? My paternal granddad, Riley Jeter, hauled and wold water to people for 5¢ per barrel. Christmases were special at Gail, weren't they? With everyone getting together in the schoolhouse or church -which was it? A tree that was not an evergreen but decorated with foil and every bit of colored or shiny paper that people had saved all year. Hearing your name called was exciting and embarrassing if it was not called. The Christmas after my granddad and the family had typhoid, money was scarce or non-existent - so my Grandmother (Lillie Smith) wrapped things they already had and took them to the Christmas program so that their names would be called. IN the late summers, people would go for an overnight trip in their wagons to an area called "the breaks" or "under the Caprock" to pick and bring home "sand hill plums." Those were the "good old days". I grew up in New Mexico on the "late frontier". We live in Pennsylvania now and the Amish Country is wonderful, but "Boy, does my mind go back to those good old breakfasts, cooked on a wood stove, consisting of fried cottontail rabbit, milk gravy and biscuits. We are looking forward to another visit to your Museum. Bobbie Jeter Lawson

I am enclosing my subscription for another year. I enjoy "THE BORDEN CITIZEN" very much. In each issue I see names of people I remember and names I've heard my parents and grandparents speak of. My grandparents were JOel and Laura Black. Grandma had several brothers living at Fluvanna. Jim, JOhn, Dave and Tom Jones. Also a sister Mag Dowdy. My parents were Sidney (Jack) and Nora Black Williams. Frances McKee, Escondido, Ca.

Citizens, I want to renew my sibscription to THE BORDEN CITIZEN. I enjoy reading it very much. My mother and her family -Whaley Newby, her father. She was Jessie Newby and married Foley Griggs after moving to Puerto, New Mex. in early 1900's. They are all gone now, my mother, Jessie, outlived all the other members of her family. She died at 83 in 1965 on Thanksgiving Day. I love reading the paper and all the old stories. I especially enjoyed what I could make out of the old newspaper clipping. I enjoy it all in memory and honor of my mother, who was a wonderful woman and raised eleven children. Thanks and best wishes to all. Georgia Allen, McAlister, Okla.

I am sending you a check for my subscription for a year, and if this is not enough, you can let me know. If too much, just keep the change. Hope all are well there. I am doing O. K. Tell all you see "Howdy" for me. Gene Skeen, Lubbock, Texas

Enclosed is a check for my subscription, my mothers and my grandmothers. You can not imagine how excited we all get when we receive our BORDEN CITIZEN. It never fails that we either know or are related to someone who is written about in your paper. I am going to get my grandmother Lorene Peirce Petty to put together the information concerning how the family came to Gail for your book. There is a story about when Dad drilled an oil well on Railroad Mountain that I think would be of particular interest! Thanks again for keeping such wonderful memories alive for us all.
Jan Ainsworth, Milnesand, New Mex.

I am enclosing my check for my subscription. I have never lived in Borden County but I have roots there through my Father Jim "Dogie" Patterson. My father arrived in Borden County in the later part of the 1880's and went to work on The Square and Compass Ranch. He probably ran off from home, as he was only thirteen or fourteen years old, when he went to work on the ranch. The cowboys nicknamed him "Dogie" due to his age and size and he carried the name Jim "Dogie" Patterson the rest of his life. I have a lot of old pictures that he had and I know some of them were made in Borden Co. as you had two of them in the Museum. He may have worked on The Jumbo Ranch some while in Borden Co. but after leaving Borden County, he went to work on The Fish Ranch in Dawson, Gaines, Terry and Yoakum Counties. While working on The Fish he homesteaded on four sections of land in Terry Co. I will bring these pictures down there sometime and see if I can get them identified. I really enjoy THE BORDEN CITIZEN a lot and do not want to miss any of them. Keep up the good work.

Thad Patterson, Seagraves, Texas

My wife is 83 today, (April 12, 1987). I am 83 also. I sure enjoy THE BORDEN CITIZEN paper, I grew up with everyone that was mentioned in the last paper. Please keep the paper coming, it sure brings back lots of memories of better days. I suppose I am the only one alive now that knows some of the things that went into the making of Borden County.

Marshall Davis, Purmela, Texas

I can not remember when I paid my subscription, so am sending a check. Keep up the good work as I enjoy THE BORDEN CITIZEN very much.

Snooks Ogden, O'Donnell, Texas

I guess you will be surprised to hear from me. I would like for us to get together sometime and work on the Hill History. Borden Gray owns both the Hill Place and Mother's folks place, The T. B. Conovers. It was just north of the little white Church and Gene Wicker lived just south of the Church at Durham. If my brother comes to see me this year, maybe we can get something lined up. I know there was 12 Hill children and maybe more. Enclosed please find my payment for the paper. I love the paper. Edd took Dad to the last reunion before he passed away. Edd said he was the happiest man he ever saw and lots of hugging took place. I was so happy. I sure want one of the new books when you get them.

Mrs. E. E. Timmie McCormick, Big Spring, Tex.

Hi there! How are you? I just realized that I had not sent in a subscription for THE BORDEN CITIZEN I keep everyone that I have ever received. Sometimes I go through them and read some again. You do a wonderful job doing all of this. I think it is great. I was so disappointed that I did not get to Gail when I was in Lubbock last year. To think I had to end up in thehospital for 3 months when I wanted to come to the Reunion. I am expecting a family party on my birthday, July 30th, 1987. I can not believe it will be my 83rd. I sure do not feel it. Ha! But how is one to feel on their 83rd?

Pauline Brigham, Laguna Hills, Ca.

Enclosed is a check to renew my subscription to THE BORDEN CITIZEN. I am sorry I did not get to attend the event this past summer with my nephew, Norman Hicks and his family. I have been going through eye surgery in Dallas for a year, so I have not been able to drive. Norman sent the comunication on to me in regard to a history of our family to include in the 1991 booklet or for other use. I shall try to get something written when my eyes are more normal. I am afraid I will not remember or know too much, but I shall do my best. I do enjoy the paper. I am always glad to see Edna Miller's name whom I knew back then, and Mrs, Bert Dennis, whom I knew in San Angelo, when I taught there.

Bert Shawver, Lubbock, Texas

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MEMORIALS: A Memorial Donation has been made in memory of Virgil Clark by Audrey C. Powell. The letter making the donation is special, I would like to share it with you. :
To the Borden County Historial Museum: Enclosed is a check, a donation to the Museum in memory of Virgil R. Clark. Virgil is the father-in-law of my daughter Audrey, wife of Norman Clark, and I have enjoyed the association with him and Edith for three decades. One isn't always so fortunate in drawing in-laws. I feel the Museum will well serve the need to document the life and times of an era that produced such a sturdy character as Virgil Clark. I wish you well in your endeavors.

Sincerely, Audrey C. Powell, Richardson, Texas

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EARLY RANCHING IN WEST TEXAS

Copies of Early Ranching In West Texas are now on sale in the Borden County Museum.

Early Ranching was published by the Snyder unit of the Ranching Heritage Association and contains articles about ranches, ranchers and water sources in the Scurry County area including Borden, Mitchell, Garza, Kent and Mitchell Counties. More than 100 photographs and maps accompany the stories. The book is dedicated to Elizabeth Connell.

Articles for the 110-page book were contributed by Dorothy Dennis and Edna Miller of Borden County; the late Joe York, Ophelia Blackard, Elizabeth Connell, Jean Everett, Johnnie Herod and Aline Parks of Snyder, and others, including Dr. Curry Holden of Lubbock. Jane Gilmore Rushing of Lubbock wrote an article about the Block 97 controversy which is included.

When Borden County Museum is not open, persons interested in seeing Early Ranching may contact Dorothy Browne in the Courthouse. Mail orders can be sent to Aline Parks at 2706 28th Street in Snyder, Texas 79549. Mail orders should include a check or money order for $17.50, with checks made payable to Ranching Heritage - Snyder.

BORDEN COUNTY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING

A meeting of the Trustees for The Borden County Cemetery Association was called to order at 2:00 PM on June 17th, 1987 by Chairman Gladys Williams. Members present were Dorothy Browne, Edna Miller and Aubrey Rogers, with Vivian Clark absent. New officers were elected with the new Chairman being Aubrey Rogers and new Secretary-Treasurer-Memorial Chairman being Dorothy Browne.

JOEL DENNIS, BERT DENNIS AND STEVE DENNIS SURVEYING THE CEMETERY

A donation and Memorial System was established. Donations and Memorials can be mailed to the Memorial Chairman and cards will be sent to the person designated and a donation receipt will be issued. The money received will be used for work in the Cemetery.

Mr. Steve Dennis had donated his time to survey and plat the cemetery but the drawings of same will be paid for by the Cemetery Association. The location of graves, with the names thereof, and the available spaces will show in this drawing.

A committee of Jim Burkett, Augrey Rogers and Dorothy Browne was appointed to draw up a set of By-laws for the Cemetery Association.

A Committee of Van L. York and Aubrey Rogers was appointed to obtain the part of the Cemetery now owned by the Masonic Lodge for the Association, with the minerals.

(Editor's Note: The above is re-printed from THE BORDEN STAR, July 1, 1987 Edition.)

TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE GAIL CEMETERY:

As you can see by the article above, the Gail Cemetery Association Trustees have been meeting, plans are being made, work is being done, and a system for donations and memorials has been set up.

We appreciate the donation by Steve Dennis of his time and effort to survey the Cemetery. We also thank Joel Dennis, Bert Dennis and Van L. York for helping with the survey. This will make the cost of locating the existing graves, serveying and marking plots, and placing the information on paper much less expensive.

The cemetery Association would appreciate your donations to the Cemetery Association to help pay the draftsman. If you have loved ones or friends buried in the Gail Cemetery or if you are just a friend of the Gail Cemetery, please send your donations or memorials to Dorothy Browne, Memorial Chairman, Box 23, Gail, Tex. 79738. Your donations will be appreciated.

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I thought a thought, but the thought I thought, was not the thought I thought I thought, so if ever a thought I think, I think I will write it down with pen and ink.

Sent in by Marshall Davis of Purmela, Tx.

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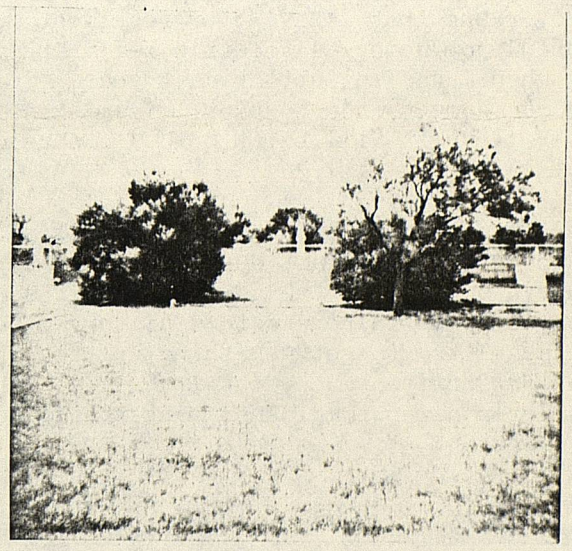
Please remember to write your letters and family histories and send them in for the paper and for the book to be published by 1991. Time goes by in a hurry. We thank Lester Parker and Jean Caddel for the stories in this edition. We would like to print your story soon, maybe in the next edition. Send them to THE BORDEN CITIZEN, Gail, Texas 79738.



A PICTURE OF A PORTION OF THE GAIL CEMETERY

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