

Local Cotton Producers

Study Classing Equipment

SWEETWATER — Following more than a month of uncertainty, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cotton Classing Division in Abilene has a chance to lease High Volume Instrument classing equipment for the 1983 cotton season.

That announcement came Tuesday, during the monthly committee meeting of the Rolling Plains Cooperative Compress here.

B.B. Manly, longtime director of classing services in the Abilene office, made the announcement, saying he was notified of the change in a discussion with officials in the USDA's Cotton Classing Division on Monday.

"They called and said they had made some deal with Motion Control, Inc. (a Dallas firm that manufactures HVI equipment), and we can lease all of the instruments. We don't have to buy them," he said.

Talk of setting up such a system in Abilene has been going on for the past several months. Wilbert Braden, a cotton farmer at Saint Lawrence, who is the coordinator of the push for the automated system introduced the idea during the annual meeting Oct. 8 of the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers in Stamford.

During that meeting, the organization appointed a committee to study the possibility of obtaining the precision instruments for classing cotton in the Abilene office by 1983.



Farm Talk

By Kent Dunlap

One of the main responsibilities and concerns of that committee was to seek ways for producers to obtain enough money to purchase the equipment, because USDA did not have the money in its budget. However, now that a lease deal has been reached, officials say that portion of the problem has been solved.

The next order of business is for producers in the Abilene

classing area to decide whether they want the HVI classing. A meeting for all gin managers and producers served by the Abilene classing office has been set for Dec. 3 in Roscoe to make a decision. Jerome Boyd, of the USDA Cotton Classing Division is expected to attend to discuss the new system.

According to Braden, the USDA will poll all 111 gins in the Abilene classing area in late December, and a decision, based on the responses, will be made on whether the equipment will be used next year.

Braden said he talked with Jessie Moore, head of the Cotton Classing Division, Monday morning and indicated that the chief "said it will be all or none," meaning that all of the cotton from the gins will be classed by the HVI equipment or none will be classed.

But as Braden and Manly indicated, time is of the essence. The duo speculated that only so many machines could be manufactured and ready in time for the 1983 season, and they would go to those who first indicated that they wanted them.

"I can assure you that the Coastal Bend is looking at the system, and so is the Blacklands," Braden said. "We need to make up our minds so we can get our names on the list."

Donovan Phipps, a farmer in the Lamesa area and a representative for Motion Control said that they would "guarantee delivery for the 1983 season if they can get the order by Jan. 15."

Phipps, former president of the Lamesa Cotton Growers Association and one of the driving forces behind that office getting HVI system, outlined the equipment available. He noted the Lamesa office has 10 lines of the cotton classing equipment and can class 11,000 to 12,000 bales per day with two working shifts. He noted that 34 systems are currently in use in the U.S.

Thursday's Farm Talk is an in-depth look at the High Volume Instrument cotton-classing system, including the pros and cons as viewed by several experts and the thoughts of several Big Country producers.

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Olin Cowan

STAMFORD — Olin G. Cowan, 73, of Stamford died at 10:30 p.m. Friday at Stamford Memorial Hospital. Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Bruce Lambert, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery in the Funston Community, directed by Stanford Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 5, 1911, in Belton, he had attended Lueders schools and graduated from Stamford High School. He had lived in the Stamford area most of his life. He married Doris Lea April 5, 1941, in Stamford. He had operated a Gulf service station, and had worked for Mistletoe Transit Company, Houston Hardware and the Stamford Cotton Oil Company. At the time of his death, he was manager of the Housing Authority of the city of Stamford. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. David (Gailyn) White of Whitesboro; two brothers, Bythell of Abilene and Clifford of Lueders; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Mike Dozier, Dennis Smith, Carl Bearden, W.B. Trice, Henry Sorrell, Billie Sorrell, Bart Holland, Adrian Johnson and David White.

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'FARMER' WOMAN — Mrs. James Lisle, Rule, was named honorary chapter farmer of the Rule FFA Chapter at Friday night's banquet. She is believed to be one of the few women in West Texas to be so honored. She is holding a plaque which designated her a chapter farmer along with 13 men. (Staff Photo.)



Top Citizens of Rule



Awards were given to Mrs. Ola Mae Lisle and Malcolm Herttenberger, respectively here Tuesday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet for being chosen Outstanding Woman and Man of the year.

Entertainment for the banquet was provided by the Velveteens. The mothers of the junior class of Rule High School prepared the meal and served the approximately 200 guests in attendance at the meeting.

Mrs. J. A. Lisle Named Woman Of The Year

Mrs. J. A. Lisle, of Rule, was named woman of the year at the Rule Chamber of Commerce Banquet held at Rule last week.

Mrs. Lisle, a resident of Rule since 1920, has served as manager of Lisle Gin since 1927 and is president of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Compress at Rule.

She was elected as vice-president of the District Ginner Convention in 1965-'66, and was elevated to the presidency.

Mrs. Lisle was elected to the Board of Directors of the Rule Chamber of Commerce for the years 1967 through 1970. At present she is second vice-president of the Rule Philadelphian Club and serves as custodian of house and grounds.

Mrs. Lisle is serving as a Mesquite Federation Board member of the Charitable and Education Fund Committee, and is Historian in the Rule Garden Club.

A member of the Eastern Star for approximately 35 years, Mrs. Lisle served as Worthy Matron of the Rule Chapter 1955-'56, 1964-'65, and has been elected to serve in that capacity for 1967-'68.

Mrs. Lisle is also very active in the First Baptist Church at Rule, and is Superintendent of the adult department of Sunday School.

Mrs. Lisle has four married children, Mrs. Joe B. Cloud, Mrs. Scott White, Mrs. W. L. Pinkard and James Lisle, all of Rule; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

*This is a nice
note up for her.*

2-A—LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL—Tuesday Morning, February 23, 1971



DID HE OR DIDN'T HE—Only the unidentified Tech student at left knows whether he made it to dry land or not as he sails through the air in an effort to keep his feet from submerging in icy waters as the Lubbock snows began to melt Monday. On the other hand there are those like Caron Cloud at right, a Tech sophomore from Rule, who decides it is better to wade than leap across the murky waters. (Staff Photo)



Felix E & Virginia Lee Mathews

"Pete" & "Jimmy" 7/1/82
Frierson

by Marsha Whittemore

Pete's mother, Dura Lois McBurnett and his father, Felix Frierson came to Haskell County right after they married.

Pete was born April 7, 1911 on his grandfather, A.A. Frierson, place. There are three, of the seven children besides (Velma) Campbell, Monte Frierson, and Mrs. Bill (Stella) Steel," said Mrs. Jimmy Frierson.

He has spent his life time here at Haskell. He graduated from Haskell High where he played in the band. Pete grew up in the Midway Community where his family attended all the singings. He sang with a quartet on October 21, 1915.

There were twelve children in my family. Two died when they were babies. There are ten of us... Alma Glass of Hermet, California, Vernell Mixon of Dallas, Tommy Mathews of Metairie, La., Bobby Mathews of Woodland Hills, California. Veda Anderson of Suplvada, Calif., Jack and John Mathews of Phoenix, Arizona, Don Mathews of Woodland Hills, California and Mickey Shaw of Chats Worth, California.

It is a large family but we have a ball when we are together.

I met Pete in 1938 when I came to Haskell to visit my aunt and uncle the Joe Maples. We married in 1941 and Pete went into the Air Force early in 1943 during WWII. Most of his time was spent in

Sipan and Iwa Jima. He was discharged in 1945. We have three children and four grandchildren-- Ronald and Felix of Azle. The have Laura Ann and Daniel. Richards Math-Mathew Paul and Mandy mathew Paul and Mandy Leigh. Our daughter Mrs. (Le Ann) Williams of Weatherford.

We are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Pete is an Elder in the Church. I taught Sunday School for fifteen years and I use to be president of the Women of the church. We loved working in the church.

Pete loves to play golf and I love to sew. He retired as Post Master and we've traveled quite a bit. On July 31, we'll take our 5th trip with the Dan Dipper travel. We go

through 10 states.

I moved to Haskell as a bride. I learned quick of the love of the people here. I'm proud I brought up my children in a small town. It offered them something a big city could not.

The Center has been such a wonderful place for Pete and I. Its great to see people, talk, and visit. I love doing the ceramics and being together.

God should mean everything to us," said Mrs. Frierson.

I've had to lean on him very heavy.

I heard once someone when ask, "who are you?" this person answered, "first I'm a child of God, a wife then a mother."

This has always been special to me. This is the way I feel I am.

I was born in Waco, Texas in a Hotel room. My family was on their way to Temple, Texas. My dad E.L. Mathews caught a train at McKinney and went on. My mother, Molly Landers Mathews, with my grandparents, Virginia Caroline Marchant and Tommy Landers followed. When they got to Waco they missed the train to Temple.

I was born while they waited for the next train. The woman owner became very angry to have a baby born in her Hotel room.

Later we moved from Temple to Douglas, Arizona then the family moved back to Horton, Texas.



MR. & MRS. O.W. TOOLEY

Many times this past year those at the Experienced Citizens Center have lived up to their name "Experienced".

In the fall a new addition of 16' x 80' will begin at the Center adding a work room, dining area, and to the kitchen.

A float was built in December that gave the Center the Grand Prize of Haskell's Christmas Parade.

The Center had a Bar B Que in January for inside furnishings of tables, cabinets, lights, clearing the Center of any debt.

February we had the Dedication of our beautiful building.

We are now preparing for our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Tentatively the date has been set for Thursday, June 16th. This banquet awards those who have spent many hours making life much better for others. All ages serve in this capacity.

Serving others is God's gift. A gift because it gives a satisfaction that nothing else can. The knowing you are able to give happiness, help, a security no one else at that

moment or any given moment may be able to give.

The volunteer hours are kept daily throughout the year, not to show off but this is the only way the Governor's office knows how busy the Centers are. It not only shows the meal count which is very important but shows an active count of volunteer hours being donated through the Center by helping others to serve the meals, assist on the van bringing participants to the Center and home again.

Volunteers deliver Home Delivered meals in Rule and Haskell. They assist many going shopping, to the doctors, checking by telephone the shut-ins, visiting and caring for those in Nursing Homes.

Volunteers "Care of Others" and it shows by the many many hours given.

Our oldest couple, the Oscar Tooleys, are very active volunteers. Oscar Tooley was born March 24, 1896, on a farm in Clay County, the fourth child of seven children of Rev. and Mrs. R.V. Tooley. Mr. Tooley went to a rural

community school, to Henrietta High School, and North Texas State Normal College at Denton.

Mr. Tooley taught in one room, one teacher schools (65 pupils) before and after serving in WWI.

In 1920, Mr. Tooley settled in Tolbert, Wilbarger County, and went into business. In 1921 he was appointed Postmaster at Tolbert.

Mr. Tooley married Velma Sellers, March 22, 1922. They had three children. Their first

child died at birth. A daughter, Lodena Cone lives in Borger and a son, Kenneth, lives in Austin. There are seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Tooley moved from Tolbert in 1941 to Boyd. From Boyd they moved to Covington and on April 12, 1943 they moved to Haskell where he served as a rural letter carrier with the Post Office Department until he retired in 1965.

Mrs. Velma Tooley died in 1952. He later married Mrs. Stella Webb.

Mrs. Stella Webb was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Stewart. She was born at Buda September 29, 1898. When she was eight years of age her parents bought land in Frio County, Dilly. Her dad was a rancher and a farmer. She attended school in Dilly, and in 1921 she married Oran Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb moved to Haskell where Mr. Webb farmed. Mr. Webb passed away in 1948. Mrs. Webb stayed on the farm three years after his death before moving into Haskell. Mr. and Mrs. Webb had two children, a son, Robert, his wife and three children live in Brownville. A daughter, Mary Lou Gilleland, her husband and two daughters live in Haskell. Mrs. Webb has five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Oscar Tooley and Mrs. Stella Webb were married May 5, 1965. They are active members in the Haskell United Methodist Church. They were charter members of the Haskell County Senior Citizens Club and are still active in bi-monthly meetings. Mr. Tooley is a member of the Haskell Lions Club. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tooley are volunteer workers in the Experienced Citizens Center. They help serve and Mr. Tooley delivers the home meals to those who cannot come to the Center.

"We are proud to serve in our community", said Mr. Tooley. "I am thankful the Center is here, helping people who are unable to prepare meals," he added.

"It fills a lot of lonely days seeing old friends," smiled Mr. Tooley, "and meeting new ones. We love it and what it stands for. We cannot see Haskell County without the Center."

Perhaps the Tooleys, like so many members of the Center feel as this poem:

You say I'm growing old?
Not me! This frame I live in
may be. Though eyes grow
dim and hair gets thin. That's
not the me that lives within.

Wildlife photographer at home in jail

BENJAMIN — In the old Knox County jail — where most-wanted posters may have hung — Wyman Meinzer's most-treasured wildlife photographs now hang.

Two mallards in flight, two bucks in battle, and a jackrabbit in a patch of wildflowers are among the photos on the wall. These and others have helped make Meinzer a nationally known wildlife photographer.

His credentials include 70 magazine covers and photos in more than 20 different magazines. Nearly every month, he has something published. *Field and Stream*, *Sports Afield*, *Texas Monthly* and *Outdoor Life* are a few of the magazines that publish his photos.

He was one of five photographers featured in a *Sports Afield* story last year. An article about him is scheduled this year in *Outdoor Photographer*.

"If I'm known for anything, it's for photos of wild turkeys or white-tail deer because I've spent so much time photographing them."

"Every animal has a 'lock.' That's what you want in a good photograph. That look will be gone in a second."

White-tail deer and grizzly bears are the hardest animals to photograph, Meinzer says.

Deer are hard to photograph because they are so alert and so afraid of people.

Bears, on the other hand, are definitely not afraid. A bear will swing his head back and forth when he walks, glancing at you through the corner of his eyes, he says. To get a photo of a bear standing or raised up takes time. On a trip to Alaska this winter, Meinzer got a shot he liked of a grizzly emerging from a river and looking at a caribou.

Patience and perseverance are necessary to get good wildlife photographs. One Meinzer photo shows two geese with icicles hanging from their feet. In 1983, he sat for an hour on a frozen tank in 15-degree weather with a 25-mph wind to take photos of the geese.

The other half of this story is the Meinzer home — the old Knox County Jail. The idea to turn the jail into a home came from his wife, Sarah.

"When I saw it, I wanted to



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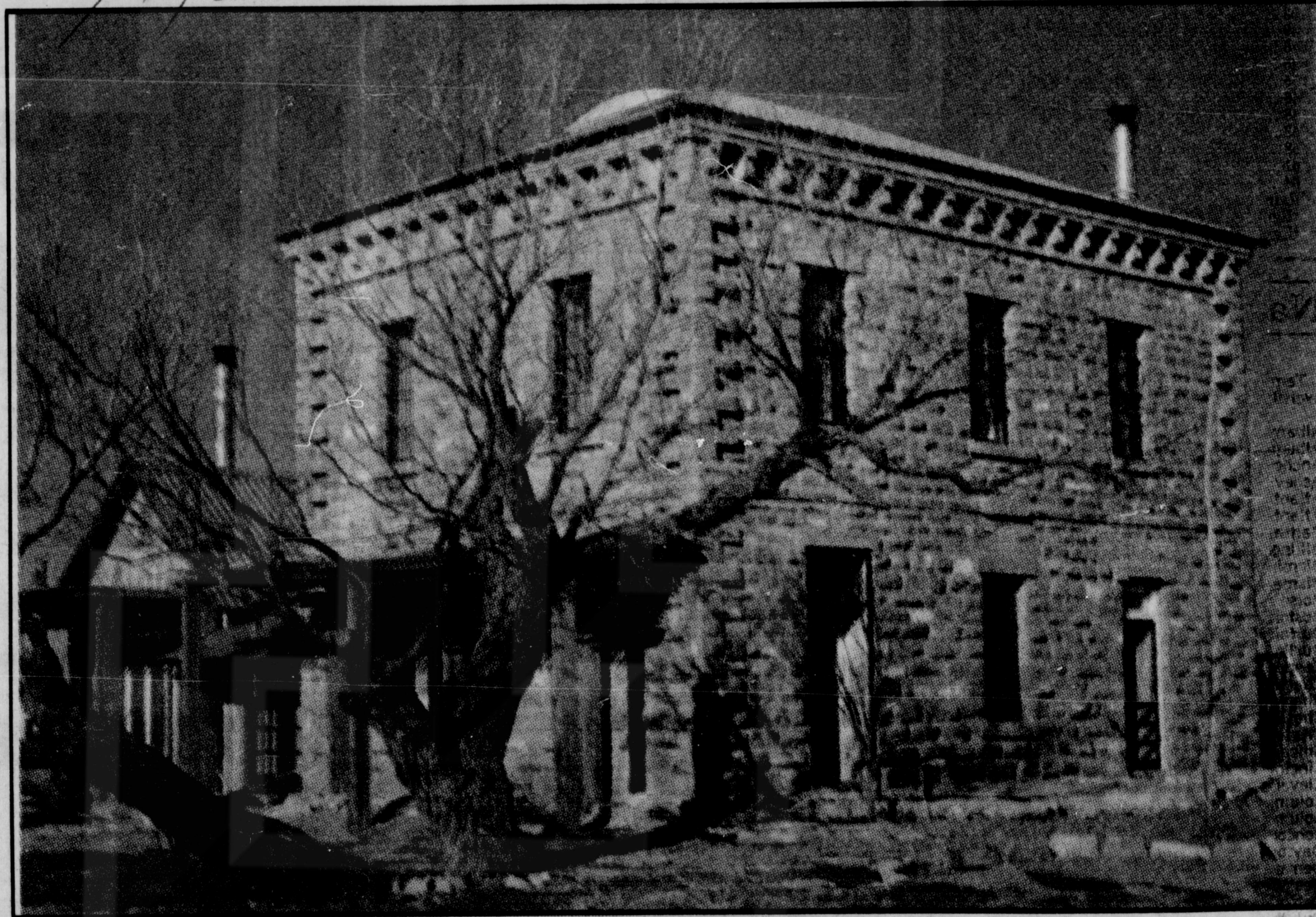
LARRY ZELISKO

Wyman Meinzer shows some of his wildlife photographs



The Old Knox County Jail is home for the Wyman Meinzer family

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turn and run," Meinzer jokes. Windows were broken, and the jail was inhabited by birds, bats and snakes.

It took about 3½ years to make the jail livable. The Meinzers moved in about 1½ years ago.

"This is an ongoing project," Meinzer says. "It won't be finished."

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ished for years."

Original concrete floors have been covered with Mexican tiles. Corrugated steel in the ceilings has been covered with pressed tin from an old drugstore in Abilene.

Cells were removed, and the upstairs was made into bedrooms for the Meinzers and their two children.

Cell doors are still in place, and bars are still in the windows.

Prisoners have left their marks — mostly saw marks — on the bars. Only one jailbreak was successful, and the prisoners then didn't get far. They were held at bay by the sheriff's wife.

Built in 1887, the jail is the

oldest structure in Benjamin. Meinzer's research has determined that the jail's first prisoner was a horse thief, arrested in October 1887. The jail was closed in 1948, and people lived in the building off and on until the mid-1970s.

A previous occupant of the jail was Meinzer's grandfather, Gordon Cole. He served a five-day sentence in the late 1930s for gambling, Meinzer said.

An addition was built in 1914, which has been remodeled into a den and guest bedroom. A fireplace and barrel stove in the den heats the entire downstairs.

Plaster walls have been covered with paneling. The walls are 24 inches thick downstairs and 18 inches thick upstairs.

Most of the work was done by Tracy Cartwright, who worked without blueprints, Meinzer said.

"All the interior decorating was my wife's idea," Meinzer said. "All I did was provide some of the labor."

Republicans coming to town

Two Republican gubernatorial candidates are coming to town this week.

Clayton will speak to the Taylor County Republican Women's Club Tuesday at noon at the home of Mrs. Mary Johnson in the county Republican Women's Club president. Blaine will speak to Taylor County Young Republicans at noon Thursday at the Abilene Country Club. Arthur Quinn is president of the Young Republicans.

Seven injured in two-car collision

Seven people were injured in a collision on South 14th Friday night and were taken to Hendrick Medical Center for treatment.

Firefighters worked for an hour to free two of the victims from the wreckage. The accident involved a white and pickup near the Pecan Street intersection about 11 p.m.

Marshall Munoz was listed in serious condition with multiple fractures, a lacerated scalp and

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*Columbus Wright "Slim" &
Sallie Annett Johnston
Whittemore*

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..I was born in Granger, Texas, Williamson County, August 18, 1899. The oldest of eight children of Thomas Luther Johnson, born in February 25, 1874 and Ollie Bell French, born in January 24, 1875. Both were born in Athens, Limestone County, Alabama. Mama often took pride in telling of her trip crossing the Mississippi in her little Rocker at the age of seven," said Mrs. C.W. Whittemore, Sr.

Both families settled in Travis County. Mama was twenty four and papa was twenty-five when they married in Elgin, Texas

December 11, 1898. My grandma French let them farm on a hundred acres of her land until they moved to Haskell. County on September 4, 1904. Our family came together with the Lake Hamilton family on the train to Stamford then was met by mama's brother. We traveled by wagon to Red Top Community and lived there until papa bought land in town. After my sister Ruby was born he bought another place north of town when I was nine, then Ellen was born.

I had five sisters and two brothers the late Jesse Edward of Munday, Mrs. Myrtle Armilia Moore of Stamford, Revel

Thomas of Avoca. Mrs. Gene (Ellen Augusta) Conder. Mrs. Johnny (Lydia Mable) Graham of Dallas.

I have two sisters living, Mrs. Marshall (Ruby Bell) Franks of Skellytown and Mrs. Walter (Alma Joyce) Buckhanna on July 16.

Counts of Rule.

At the age of six in 1906 I began summer school. Miss Sallie Williams was my Teacher. Then in 1907 I attended the new brick building. My teacher was Sara Hudspeth. There has been three generations of my family attending Rule schools over a span of seventy-five years. Myself, my three sons and then two of my grandchildren who graduated in 1981 and 1982. Slim attend in 1915 about a year.

I met Slim in the fall at the fair. He was a friend of my brother Jesse.

Columbus Wright 'Slim' was born April 28, 1900 in Megregor, Texas the son of William J. Whittemore born in Dalton, Georgia on September 27, 1856 and Lina Mae Buckhanna born in Megregor, Texas on October 25, 1879.

William J. had three brothers and two sisters. When the Civil War broke out, two brothers went with the North to fight the South. His brother Frank fought for the South. William, too young lived with his mother and two sisters. After the war his brother Frank was on his way home when he was within 100 feet, he was shot and killed by a Northern Soldier.

Later William came with his family to Texas settling in Megregor, mostly farming.

He worked along the Rio Grande for the border patrol and later belonged to the Odd Fellows Lodge. Earlier in life about 20 he was to marry his childhood Sweetheart but she died. It was not until 24 years later at the age of 44 he met and married Lena

1899. She had one son. She later died when Slim was 15 months old.

Slim was seven or nine, when they sold their land and moved to Oklahoma and lived on an Indian Reservation. They worked on ranches and moved cattle. Settling back in Rule in 1922 when he met his wife.

"We got married on June 4, 1924. We had three sons Thomas Edgar of Rule, Doyle Ray (Buddy) of Odessa and C.W. Jr. of Stamford. Two sons were in services Thomas -WWII and Jr. in Korea.

Slim Whittemore worked on Construction in Odessa, Levelland and Houston. He worked as a carpenter in Rule when he became ill in 1974 and later died February 13, 1977.

Mrs. Whittemore has been a member of the Church of Christ almost all her life. Working in Bible School in pass years and anyway she could to help others.

Her love for God shows in the way she cares for her flowers, which at this moment are full of blooming Tulips and Irises of all colors.

Among the letters I've kept over the years is one written in the Winter after my two oldest daughters had rebuilt an old tree house, the Summer before when they visited her.

She wrote to them how beautiful a snow had fallen on their tree house. And while she was there a red bird came searching for them through their toys.

How beautiful the memories are still of a gentle lady who cares so for God's tender children.

Rochester, Texas 79544 Thursday August 20, 1981



Celebration Honors Sallie Whittemore on Birthday

A celebration to honor Mrs. C.W. "Sallie" Whittemore Sr. 82nd birthday will be held at the home of Ms. Marsha Whittemore 1400 McCurdy Saturday afternoon Aug. 22, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Rule.

Sallie Whittemore the

oldest of Thomas & Ollie Johnston's eight children was born in Georgetown, Texas, Aug. 18, 1899. She married the late C.W. Whittemore Sr. June 4, 1924. They had three sons Thomas, of Rule, Doyle of Odessa and C.W. Jr. of Stamford.

She is the grandmother of eleven grandchildren and to be 5 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Whittemore has lived in Rule since Sept. 4, 1904 moving with her parents at the age of 5. She is one of Rules oldest residents.

She has one brother Jesse Johnston of Munday Tex. Ruby Franks in Skellytown, Tex., Alma Counts of Rule.