

Lamb County Exhibit, State Fair, 1917. Arranged and decorated by Campbell J. Duggan, Littlefield, Texas.

Post Card



Message



Dallas, Texas, October....., 1917.

Dear.....:

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TO.....

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Bird's eye view of Littlefield.
A. P. lives in "farmhouse"

~~(Please return
this picture)~~





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Exhibit in office



Little Arthur, at L. J's

Duggan

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Arthur P. Duggan, Jr.



Some prominent men
at Littlefield Lands Office
Including, Secy of State, John
L. Wartham, the Hon. Sheb
Williams, et others
Mr. J. P. White is third from
right end on top row.
Snow in foreground



Windmill at Headquarters

H-B. Rhoades on top.

C. J. Duggan 20 ft.
from ground.

tower 137 ft high

TOURING THE WORLD

IN LITTLEFIELD

Next Saturday evening at half-past eight,
The "Trip Around the World" will begin;
We'll have loads of fun, so don't be late,
Catch the "Blue Weed Special" via the Santa Fe

In Ireland we'll meet for the trip around,
'Tis know as "Steen-Ville" on our map;
Old Pat and his biddy at the "Wharf" will be found—
O' My! no time will you have for a nap!

If you miss the "train" you'll be in a fix,
For from there we will go to Japan;
Now, if you don't think we will put on some tricks,
Just be there if you possibly can.

After touring Japan our faces will be turned
To America, the land of the Free;
And if you don't think your money's earned,
The treats are surely on me.

In each Allied "Nation" you'll be entertained
By Natives' songs, music, humor and witt galore;
And refreshments so dainty and sweet will be served
That you'll always wish for more.

The round trip fare will be only thirty-five cents;
For youths it will be ten cents less;
No other charges for ladies or gents;
'Tis mighty cheap you must confess

To the Christian Endeavors there is "Some Class,"
They'er not going to be left in the lurch;
They've purchased a memorial window glass
For the beautiful new Presbyterian church.

The object of our "Excursion" I've tried to state,
For fear you might overlook;
So be on time—that means NOT LATE,
And remember your pocket book.—Contributed.

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DESIRABLE LOTS ON SALE

Aug, 15th, 1917.

My dear Sister:-

I know you are happy by this time. Was mighty proud to read Vernon's name in the list of Second Lieutenants. I am sure that he will work up and advance in rank. Mr. Hensley just came by and stated that he read Vernon's name, so you see there are lot of people interested in the boys and wish them well. My greatest regret is that I am not in the bunch. The way it looks now, I will be drafted and have to go where they want me, and not where I want to go. Have heard nothing more from my application in the P.O. service but do not expect anything. I am the 8th man in order to be called before the board so am expecting to go next week. They are cutting down on exemptions, and if I pass the physical test, am sure I will go. Only 12 out of the first 34 were accepted in this county and the second bunch go before the board Friday.

We have had dandy rains and you cant imagine how pretty everything is. The grass is go green and is growing fast. Have had the patch replanted in black-eyed peas and sorghum and hope to raise a little feed yet. I am enjoying milking and attending to everything but it takes my entire time from early morning until late at night. Certainly is no rest for anyone who has a large place to look after.

The Popes are here and talk as if they would really buy our house. I am going to see him and get at facts. Mrs. Pope wants it; also wants to buy about 100 little chicks. I will sell the house if can for it would pay me entirely out of debt and would give me enough money to build a smaller house on the land in case I do not go to war or decide to remain here. If I could, I really prefer leaving here altogether.

Mrs. Hensley's mother and little children are here visiting.

We gave a trip around the world to buy a window for the new church for the Christian Endeavor, and our house was America. G and I almost worked ourselves to death as those who promised to assist us did not show up, but it was such a success, that we did not mind it. I never saw people enjoy themselves anymore than they did at our house. The other two countries were not fixed up and the programs were no good, so the contrast was all the better. The church building is about to fall down, so no telling when can be used. Was not properly braced. Am sending you a little "poem" I scraped up which was in the paper to advertise the TRIP.

With lots of love and best wishes, always, I am,
Affectionately,



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Mrs. Julia C. Hart,
540 W. Main St.,
Decatur, Ill.

Your card just received to-day and I will hasten to answer for I know you must feel queer and peculiarly up there among all those yankees. Am so glad you got there safely and have such splendid prospects of spending a pleasant and profitable winter.

Now be sure not to let yourself get in the habit of calling the colored population "Mr. and "Mrs." for you kniw if you do when you come back down in Texas, we may not be able to agree. Better refrain from discussing the Houston situation up there for some of Vada's friends might take the other side and tell you that the colored people are as good as the whites, and if they do, I know you will jump right on them and pull their hair out, so of course we dont want your picture in all the newspapers with title "Southern Woman who fought Colored Lady" etc etc. O, well, I am quite sure you and Vad a will be able to manage affairs so as not to make your friends (?) angry with you. ??????????????????????????????????????

Please tell me what Vernon is doing and where he has been assigned etc. I suppose he is too busy to write to me, but I am awfully anxious to know of the whereabouts of my illustrious kinsman. What did the Stamford people do for him and the other boys? I see in the officiak bulletin of the list that Patterson got com. as 1st Lieut in the Cavalry Dept. Certainly knew lots of the boys who were down there and only wish I could have met them while I was there.

The situation is about the same with me. No definte news yet. If there is a third Training Camp, I will get in it if can and try for Quartermasters Dept. Have placed my application for Y.M. C.A. Work until can get an appointment in the P.O. Dept., but have little faith of getting anything. It takes somebody to boost nd I haven't anyone to help me do anything. I am going to get in something if I have to join the navy. The quota for Lamb County has been secured and my number has not been called, but I am the next third man and as they are to make another call by the first of the year, I will be sure to have to go, so I had rather enlist.

Say, wish you would investigate and see what Kindergarten teacherd get permonth in Decatur or any of the other cities up there you can get information about. Gladys says she wont go home, but I feel as if she should as her mother needs her, but if she will not, then she should get a position in the kindergarten somewhere and they

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pay better in the north than they do down here. I have another chance to sell my home, so will try it out and if I can get loose, will certainly do so as soon as possible and get into some branch of the service before real winter sets in. Gladys is putting up everything she can get her hands on and will certainly have plenty to eat wherever she goes. Our garden is fine and we are about to work ourselves to death keeping it up. I don't have time for anything out side except to preside at all the patriotic meetings we are holding weekly. Trying to get up some enthusiasm here, but the people are so divided, can't do much.

O, yes, I had the best luck last week I have ever had. Really got up a real estate deal and made a commission even if did have it cut down some before sale was closed. The new doctor wanted a small place, so I sold him John Cole's place for \$600.00 and sent John \$320.00 after I paid all his debts around town which amounted to about \$200.00. My, it came just in time to save me from bankruptcy, for my account was at the very bottom. I am real proud of myself, only wish it had been \$5000.00 commission instead of \$80.00.

It is time for the mail to be dispatched, so must stop. Do let us hear from you often for if you get kidnapped, want to get on the trail of the "nappers" poco tempo. O, yes, another news item is that I was elected Supt. of the Sunday School Sunday and was not even there. Guess they will get fooled once more for I can't take it. Some of the people here now are realizing that I was in the right before when they caused so much disturbance over my system of running the school, and they are begging, but it is too late. I had rather fight the Kaiser than try to run a S.S. in this community.

With lots of love to you and Vada, and hoping to hear from you real soon, I am,

Devotedly,

[Redacted Signature]

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My dear Sister:-

Your good letter enjoyed very much. We are so glad that you are so comfortably located, and trust that the winter will not be so disagreeable that you will be uncomfortable. Am quite sure that you will enjoy the winter even if it is cold for you will be warm and nice in your house and when you get out will be wrapped suitably for the occasion. Tell us all about your experiences, for we are interested in your every thought.

Mother came yesterday morning and looks fine. Has not said how long she will remain but suppose about two weeks. I certainly hate to have her leave for we do enjoy her company so much and she is such a dear little peace maker. She has lots of interesting things to tell and we sat up late last night to hear her. Your letter was waiting for her and we all enjoyed it also. She says that we had better be thankful for our fine garden as the people down in Texas did not make anything and the gardens were no good.

I wrote Tom for them to come up and spend Sunday with us. Got card from him this morning saying they would, so of course we expected them at our house. Sarah asked Mother to eat dinner with her to-morrow, so Mother phoned her that as Tom and family were coming to our house, she would stay with us and go down there some other time. Sarah got mad and said something, so Mother decided to go down there this afternoon and try to straighten it out. No use, can't have any peace in the same town. Last night when she invited Mother, she made a mistake and said for ALL OF US to come to-morrow, but changed it in a hurry and said "Mother, you be sure to come". Such is life. They have been no where for a vacation. Major was out a few days but did not bring Mrs. Littlefield.

30 minutes later: I heard a noise and looked out and saw a long train coming, so went down to the depot and it was a 24 car train of soldiers from Oregon going to North Carolina. I talked to a lot of the boys and they all seemed jolly and nice. They are being routed out of their way and don't know what to think of it. Think they are going to France as soon as can get new equipment at camp in N.C. I collected the mail from them and got a big stack, for all of which I am thankful as it will help my office. Seeing all of these boys gave me the War fever worse than ever. I don't know anymore about my plans now than I did a month ago, am just waiting until something happens or I get drafted. Did not succeed in selling my place to the party I had in mind, but have another chance and will try to dispose of it, and if so, will get into something.

With lots of love to you and Vada, and hoping to hear from you often, I am,

Devotedly,

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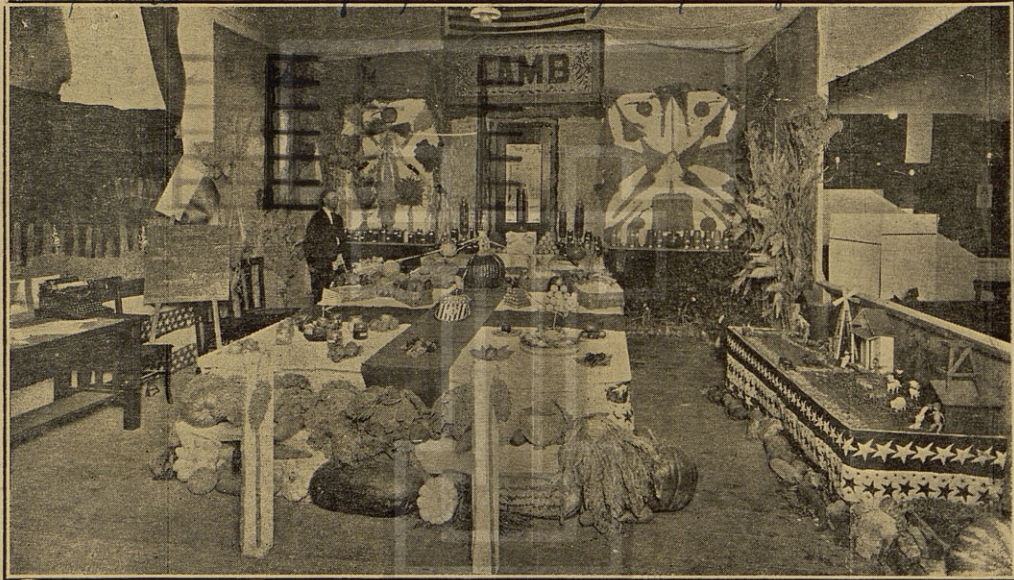
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if this does not show up any better. Everything is in patriotic colors.



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Have been too busy to write. Am enjoying things here but lots of work. \$100000 exhibit. I am delighted. I have been to 7 fairs. will be here next Monday

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 6:30 PM
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Benjamin W. Mason
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 sent to Freeman's

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My dear Sister:-

This is the very first opportunity I have had to write to you although I have thought of you daily and wanted to write. I returned home Wednesday morning and since that time I have been as busy as busy can be and am not caught up yet with my work. I was mighty glad to get back home and to a comfortable bed and home, but I can truthfully say that I enjoyed every minute of my stay in Dallas. The people I was thrown in contact with were the very nicest and best, and everybody was so considerate and kind, that it made me take a new lease on life. I worked harder than I ever worked before, but it was all so different from what I have been used to, that I got along O.K. Took good care of my self and did not even have a head ache. That Dallas water was awful, but I did not drink anymore of it than I had to. I had room and board near the Fair Park. Did not stay with Freeman and Tab but two nights and took supper with them the night I left. Freeman was awfully busy too, and Tab had a house full of company all the time, but I did not have time to visit anybody. Had dozens of invitations from friends to spend nights and take meals, but I simply could not leave the booth long enough to do it. Saw some dandy plays. Took Tab, Freeman and Mrs. Shipp to the Matinee the day I left to see "Her UnBorn Child". It was dandy we thought. Also saw Al Wilson in a Military play and I cried through most of it it was so sad and true to life. I attended two swell banquets, at one of which I heard a big man lecture on the work of the National Y.M.C.A. He had been over the waters two years in actual service. It was great, but awfully scary. Several friends asked about you. I met so many old friends, some I had not heard of for years. The picture on the card does not do the booth justice as it looks so crowded and the colors do not show up well, but so many people thought it the prettiest booth in the bldg. With the experience I have this year, I hope to win higher premium another year if I am still pegging away at this job another year.

Benjamin was over one day. He looked fine. I stopped by to see him on my return and he took me around the camp and explained things to me. He is worked too hard as he is the only stenographer in his Co. but he hopes to get relief soon. He has nice quarters. The boys are well treated and everyone I talked to during the Fair with one or two exceptions are well pleased with army life. I do not think it half so bad as we imagine. I only wish I were there, and if it were not for my debts that I could not pay if my income is cut off, I would be there now.

I hardly understand what you mean in your letter, for I can't believe that Vernon is not sending you money each month. I do hope that you will get along O.K. up there and continue to spend the winter there and get a new interest in life. Vernon should be able to keep you up alone and I am sure that he would give you anything under the sun you wanted or needed if he knew what it was. I have never heard from him and don't

even know his address. Am sure that he is getting splendid experience in his work. From all accounts, Ed seems to be doing well in school, and I trust that he will stay with it until he gets through.

I do not know how Freeman is getting along financially as he never discussed his business with me, but I do know that he is as busy as a man can be. All look well and happy. Tab was the sweetest thing to me, and if she had not done my shopping, I could never have had my booth ready by opening day. It is almost impossible to get anything one wants in Dallas now, so we had a time. She also came out and tied the ribbon bows for me and assisted in various ways. I tried to express my appreciation of her services in various ways, and left them a lot of good stuff to eat when I left.

Gladys is doing splendidly. Think she is entirely recovered from her troubles. We have new stenographer and she is staying with us. We have German girl we are paying \$14 per month, and the two boarders pay \$30.00 each, so we are coming out a little ahead each month. If the boarders will pay for extra fuel, light and the grocery bill, we will be satisfied.

I have an old man assistant in the P.O. and am paying him only \$25 per month, but of course will have to pay more. He does pretty well, but there is room for improvement. I am trying to get the Dept. to allow me clerk hire as there is so much to be done in the office and I am getting so little out of it. The office has recently been designated Central Accounting office and has to supply all offices in the country with supplies, receive their reports, audit their accounts etc. so that is making a great deal of extra work. Also expect to get rural route established right away. I trust that you may be able to stand your Exam. O.K. If there is any help I can be to you, let me know what it is. Of course I could not give answers to questions, but if there is anything that is not clear to you, I could explain it to you. If this office ever pays enough to justify it, I would like so much to have you here, but you could never expect more than \$75 per month as clerk. About 10,000 office assistants are wanted in Washington, D.C. now since the young men have been taken away and the least salary they start out on is \$1000 per annum. I am sure that you could qualify for a good job up there. Inquire of your postmaster at Decatur and get information. I don't want you to ever have to live in Stamford again for you would be miserable, and I know Mother will never stay at one place long at a time, so I think it best for you to get a good position somewhere and make your way and you will be happier. Call for the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission at the Post Office, and he should be able to give you definite information as to the particular position suited to your ability etc. Do this at once and see if you can't locate something worth while.

It is now 1 P.M. and I have put up the mail and kept P.O. since starting this letter, so it is not so very well connected. Must get some dinner and I think I will feel better inside as I am mighty hungry. I can't get enough sleep nor enough to eat since my return.

Love and best wishes to you and Vada.

Affectionately,

What is your correct address?

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My dear Mother:-

It has simply been one thing right after another for the last few weeks until I have been unable to do the things that I so much enjoy doing--chief of which is to write to you. I will try to tell you all the news first and then answer your questions. I have so many things to tell that I know I will forget some of them, especially since I am interrupted so many times while trying to write.

We finally have a preacher. His name is C.A. Duncan, a distant relative of Jerome Duncan. He has no education whatever and slays the English worse than a country boy, but he is fine in other ways and I am sure he will make us a good man. He is a good mixer. There was no place for him to live, so he is in our little "barnavista". His wife and two children, about 5 and 6 but they seem to be mighty good and Mrs. Duncan keeps them in the back yard. He preached for us Sunday and we had two good sermons. Bro. Lyon who used to be at Stamford is the Presiding Elder for this new district and makes Lubbock his home. He came up and we like him fine. He wants us to arrange for a parsonage in some way, saying that the conference will give us \$100 and loan us some more at cheap interest. Muleshoe wants the parsonage so I don't know what will happen, but we want it if we can arrange things. Bro. Lyon asked about you, Sister and family. Mrs. James said that Duncan did not look as much like a preacher as I do. She always stands by me even if she used to get mad at me. We are going to have the Duncans over for supper to-morrow night and everybody is to meet at Hensleys at 7:30 and come over in a body to POUND them. Am so afraid that many won't take part, but several have agreed to do it. They have a cow and chickens, but everything is O.K. so far and he seems to be a sensible man, however, his wife is the BOSS. He was appointed to arrange for Christmas entertainment and he has already collected quite a bit of money for expenses. I got him out of bed Saturday night at midnight and he killed a poll-cat that was eating his chickens. We had lots of fun out of it. He is tall and slender and looks like Bro. Ellis.

Agnes Dyck did not stay with us but a little over one week, as her mother was not willing for her to work for less than \$5.00 per week, and of course we would not pay her that. She comes each week to wash. Gladys got Lynn Yantis, a 15 year old girl to stay with us and go to school. Pay her \$2.00 per month. She is lots of help. We pay \$2.00 per month to boy to milk. Gladys is not going to make much out of her boarders, but of course she had to try it before she could be convinced. They say they won't leave, so I don't know what we will do, however, don't suppose we will be keeping house longer than Jan. 1st.

Just received letter yesterday from National War Work Council of the Y.M.C.A. advising me that I had been approved and would receive an appointment direct from the Secretary of the Military Branch in this division. I am expecting something from him any day, so don't know what can do until I receive a definite offer. We are advised to take a short

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course in one of the Y.M.C.A. Colleges, so I want to go to Chicago and get the four weeks' course before I enter the work, as it would be a big help to me whether I follow the work or not. My present plan is to get loose here by the 1st of January, go to Chicago and be ready for service by the middle of February. That is if I do not get an appointment in the foreign mail service in the mean time. I prefer the latter as I would not have to resign as postmaster and would also receive better salary. Am doing every thing I can to get an appointment in this work. I feel that it is best that I get into service of some kind the earliest date possible, as I am sure we all will have to be soldiers before it is over, and if I can get experience in the Y.M.C.A. or the Mail service it will help me just that much in other ways. I do not know what I can do with our home now, so suppose will have to rent to somebody. Gladys is investigating kindergarten work and hopes to find a location by Jan. 1st. She would go crazy here without me as she wont do anything but grieve when I am away. I could help support her if I get either of these jobs, but if I am a soldier, could not contribute much.

Gladys, Misses Johnson and Stringer (our boarders) and John Street and I went to Lubbock last Friday night, and John and I attended lodge while the ladies went to picture show. Tom and Ellen had company so we hardly got to see them. Just ran in and looked through the house, but it is certainly pretty and cozy. I expect to be in Lubbock as witness in Mr. White's suit the last of this week or the first of next, so will get to be with them more. A.P. and family are going down to spend Thanksgiving. We will not do anything but stay at home as usual.

The Houston rioters have all been tried and are awaiting action by the jury. Expect to have a report soon on them.

What number of the Herald do you need to start the story where you left off? We are only too glad to send them to you. Be sure to tell us where you left off and what is the story?

I am sending you the Advocate as I know you will be interested in it.

It has not rained so I never got to plant wheat. The land is all ready so if it rains, I will have a crop put in even if it is Spring wheat again.

We are not expecting a single Christmas gift from anyone and will really feel badly if we receive any. We simply cannot send any, and dont think that anyone should this year.

I surely wish you could make some things for me, for which I will gladly pay, as I know I cant get them anywhere. That is wristlets, bed shoes or foot warmers, helmets, and sweater. Now that's a big job, and of course if you cant find time, dont worry over it. If I get into service even as Y.M.C.A. Secty., I will need all of these things. We cant get any material here at all. Benjamine wrote that he wanted foot warmers and we could not get wool, so had to get some thin stuff and double it. You need not start these things for me until after Christmas, as I dont think there is any chance for me to go before January.

Dear Julia C. J. asked me to send this letter to you, as he has so little time to write. I guess he will be going soon. I don't see how I can knit him all the things he wants, I would love to and could if I was at home, but I just can not do other things and see Florence working all the time, we are both busy all day. Bettie is quite so good in the afternoon. Some body is coming and we are going to be between the two. There is no time for knitting, if he sends you the money to buy the wool, could you not knit some of them. Mother says it takes \$1.20 worth of wool

to knit one pair of socks. She knit Malene three pair. Abby sent her the thread to knit two pairs.

Florence and Bettie both have bad colds. Bettie has been sneezing all day her gums are swollen, they knit her. We sure had a grand dinner Thanksgiving. They served wine, that spoiled the dinner for me. I don't see how a woman can serve wine to men. Aunt told her not to put any at my plate.

It is bed time so good night

Best love to you & Mada
I think you are smart to knit so much
Sincerely Mamma

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We had a big laugh over the write-up in the Lamb Co. News of the entertainment of the 42 club and the Aftermath club at our house. Know that Florence got a good impression of our society editor from those write-ups, such as use of the "silver service set" and "tea was served in cut-glass tea cups." This poor girl has some funny ideas about how the "ultra-rich" live and entertain. The last week edition got the poem mixed up that I composed, so I am sending you a copy. The scrap-books are simply great. So many cute ones with such original ideas. The ladies are quilting one day each week and made seven comforters last Wednesday. Had lots of fun.

We have had to make fire in furnace a few times, but we still have some real warm days. We had the car last Sunday as Arthur has bought a Ford Sedan, so we took Mr. Wade, (the assistant in the P.O.) and his daughters for a ride all over the community. Never saw anyone enjoy a ride more than they did. He had not been outside of the town-site since he came here. He is pretty good in the P.O. but still makes lots of mistakes. He is still looking for a rich widow.

I owe Sister a lester, also want to write to Vernon. I simply do not have time to do all that I should. By the way, I closed a real estate deal last week and got \$58.00 commission. Guess Auty will laugh at that, but that helps me wonderfully at this time. I paid off the past due note to Major, so all I owe now is a note at the bank for over \$300.00, and I have enough stuff to pay that when I sell the stock, Insurance agency, etc.

Mrs. Beard is in Lubbock still waiting. Mrs. Pope is with her. Beard goes down every other night.

This time of year makes us feel mighty sad for we think of what might have been and how happy we would have been with our little boy. Gladys grieves more all the time, and of course I simply cannot allow myself to think of it. We have certainly had a big expense this year and then nothing to repay us for it but sadness.

I cant think of anything else just now, but know by the time I get this mailed that I will think of lots of things. You are too far away to suit me, but I may be farther from you than this before the war is over.

With love and best wishes to all the family, I am,

Affectionately,

Guess we will have to do the Norton way--send out letters to each other. Suppose you send this one to Sister as I know I will never find time to write her wll these things.

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Sunday morning.

Dec. 1917

My dear Sister:-

Please do not think because I have not written you that I have forgotten you entirely. Have tried every day to find time to write, but have had too many things on foot. I did not write to Mother for over two weeks, so finally wrote her and asked her to send letter on to you as I can't write it all over again.

First of all let me tell you just what has happened to me. Last Monday morning I received letter from National War Work Council of the Y.M.C.A. at New York advising that I had been accepted and that my name was on the list of men approved for appointment, but that the Secty of the Military Division in which I reside would give me placement later. I did not think it would at an early date, so I just planned to wind up affairs here by Jan. 1st, then take a four week's course in the Y.M.C.A. College at Chicago and better prepare myself for the place. Imagine my surprise Wednesday evening when I received wire from Headquarters just as we were entering the dining room for our Thanksgiving Dinner, to the effect that I was appointed Ass't Secty at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, for immediate service, Salary \$100.00 per month, plus traveling expenses, uniform and room. I wired that could not accept before Jan. 10th on account of being postmaster, and they wired that could not hold position open that long and to advise if could accept earlier. I wired P.O. Dept., also Inspector in Charge, and learn that can leave P.O., so wired the Y. Headquarters that if place was still open, I would report for duty at Houston next Thursday. Am expecting answer to-day or to-morrow, so it is likely that I will be in actual service this week. I am so happy over it I can hardly wait to get started, but O, my, this breaking up! Gladys is taking it hard and life has been some misery for me for the last few months. If I am stationed at Houston very long, she can come and be there too, but of course we never know where we will be very long at a time. I consider this an exceptionall good opening, and it pays so much better than I expected. I have to resign as P.M., and am responsible under my bond until my successor is appointed. The old man in the office is O.K. and I fear no bad results from the office. I have figured every way possible how you could handle the situation, but there is so much expense to the office and so little pay, that you could not clear \$10 per month out of it and the work is too hard for that much profit, then you would be here in misery with certain ones, and that would not be pleasant, so I think you ought to try for one of those clerkships in Washington, D.C. You can get more money and will have less responsibility and can enjoy life there while it lasts. I think I have the place rented, but if fail, Gladys will remain a few weeks until can make proper disposition of it. Am selling my cows and chickens, and will have enough to pay notes at bank and to care for Gladys for awhile. You may address me here and letter will be forwarded to my permanet address, and I will let you hear from me direct just as soon as I know where I will be located.

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The Gist baby died with diptheria Friday. It was just two years old and one of the sweetest babies I ever knew. It is exrtainly sad and of course they took it so hard. I lined the grave with white domestic and decorated it with leaves. There are three little graves in adjoining lots out there and it seems so hard for them to have to be there when all parents were so anxious for them.

This sudden change in affairs syops everything with me and all my plans are gone to naught. No telling where I will be for Christmas, but wherever I am I am going to give the most pleasure possible to the boys and hope to be a blessing to them in many ways. As I wrote Mother, I trust that no one will give gifts, for we certainly cant and do not expect any. Let's make this a Christmas of doing good deeds for others.

I forgot to tell Mother that Bro. Lyon said that he had rather hear Vada sing than anyone he ever had sing in his church. Said he was opposed to solos in church, ordinarily, but that he told his wife that there was something in Vada voice that appealed to him and the audience in such a way that he considered it almost as good as a sermon to have her sing. He asked about all of you and even told me that Ed was one of his girl's sweethearts.

I must get this letter off as is mail time now. Let me hear from you at an early date, as I know I will long for letters from all pf you when I get away. I am sorry to say that I have not had an opportunity to write to Vernon yet, but have his address in my note book and will write just as soon as I can. I am sure that he will get through O.K. O, yes, forget to say that this Y.M.C.A. job does not exempt me from military duty when my time comes. The foreign mail service position will exempt me however, and I am hoping to get that before long, but think the experience in the Y.M.C.A. will be a big help to me in many ways, so want to take that now and get all information and training I can before I am called to actual duty as a soldier.

With love and best wishes to you and Vada, I am,

Affectionately,

Lost their
first born
son

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Campbell

Sittelfield
9/30 - 1914

My Dear Julia

I am still here. A letter from Sarah this morning said her mother one day was better the next worse. She did not know where she could come home.

Arthur said for me to go on, he would not ask me to stay longer. No telling when Sarah will come, and I have to go before it turns cold or not at all. I haven't a winter suit, so I have set Wednesday to go. I

hope nothing else will come
up to prevent me go. if there
should be. I will feel it is best
for me not to go, and resign
submissively. of course I would
be disappointed, and would
hate to disappoint duty & I but
I do not want to go and get
sick on their hands.

I feel the Lord is directing
me let it be as it may.
I had Arthur to send you two
"Dallas News" telling about
Hargerson. I cannot help
feeling sorry for him, for
being such a goose. to think
he could rule the whole of
Texas in opposition to every
body.

I intended to write to Vernon.
Benjamin (he is a sergeant now) and
Elmer last week. But the Carper
ters were nailing the house is
so soon up. you could not think
I have gotten along nicely with
the children. they have been as
good as I could ask.

I went to a womanless wedding
Friday night. all men most of
them dressed as women. it was
too funny for anything. the bride

was beautiful, Charlie Chatman,
was her husband. The Cermusky was
ridiculous. C. J. was Alma. Chuck
he was the image of Bernice. A. T.
was John McComie, he sang. Well
the house reared most of the time
they took in 34¢ for the Red Cross.
C. J. with several others are going
to Ottum tomorrow to take their
physical examination for the army.
C. J. has been appointed by the C. Club
here to represent Sam C. Co. at the
Dallas Fair.
Is Ed boarding with Mrs. Kaylor?
I have not heard from Malone
since I last wrote you. I guess he
sent my letter to Calif. I have several
letters to write so must close. Every body
is gone to C. S. Best love to you & Viola. Lovingly
Mamma.

about Womanless Webbing



Mrs. Julia C. Hart
450 W. Main
Decatur
Ill.

From Mrs. Alston Duggan
Littlefield
Gambler
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HOTEL LITTLEFIELD

CHAS. WESTBROOK, PROP.

"THE BEST ON THE PLAINS"

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS, *March 15* 1918

Dear Sister

Have not but a few minutes, came
this about train time. You see
have struck it hard in finding me
at different places. I got one of your
letters at Abilene and the other one
here yesterday.

Have been here four days, and
have never seen such a good storm
in my life. But today is one more
beautiful day. This is a good country
except the sand and a bit.

Aunt Sarah, Mr. Tucker & my self
have been to Lubbock yesterday and
was very glad to get the trip.

I am leaving for Dallas this morning
will write you there.

Love my love to Vada and keep her
for your self
With love

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
HOTEL LITTLEFIELD
LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS

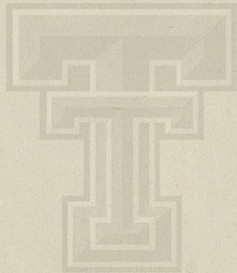


I forgot to tell you in my letter that Littlefield is a "GOING CONCERN"

Mrs J C Hart.
Chowest main -
Ducator
M.



Yellow House Canyon





Yellow House
Ranch

Cover above
Ranch head-
quarters



Yellow House
Ranch

Caves above
Ranch head-
quarters

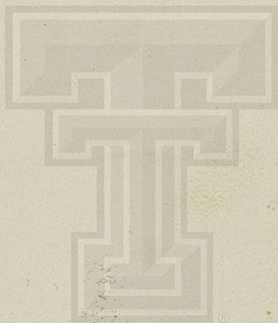


Yellow House
Ranch Head-
quarters

Julia Duggan Hart



C. J. Duggan





Just a few melons
from our patch -
One morning's haul.

C. J. Duggan



where?

East camp?





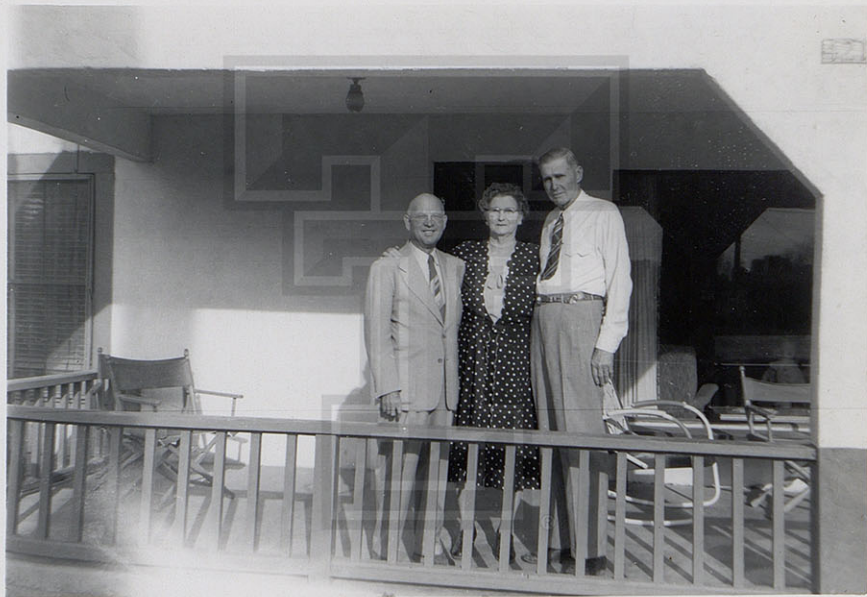


Hotel - first excursion
after opening of hotel
my room is in window
up stairs to extreme
left.



On front of C. J. Suggars
residence. in Littlefield
Mr. Beard, Lucy, C. J. Gladys
and Mrs. Suggars

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Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hall,
4215 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz,
and Campbell J. Duggan, P.O.Box
1068, Reno, Nevada, on the front
porch of Hall home. Taken by a daughter.
Duggan issued marriage license
for the Halls in 191~~4~~⁷, and had seen t
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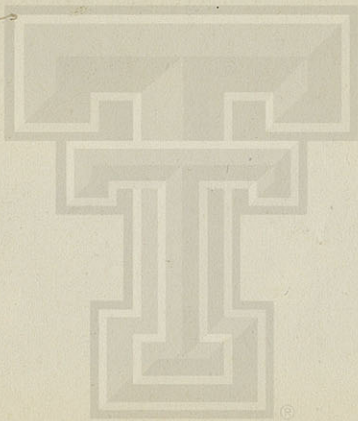




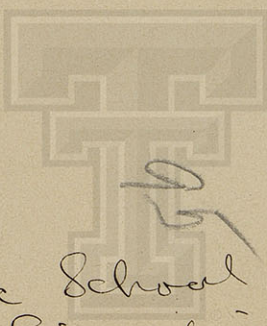
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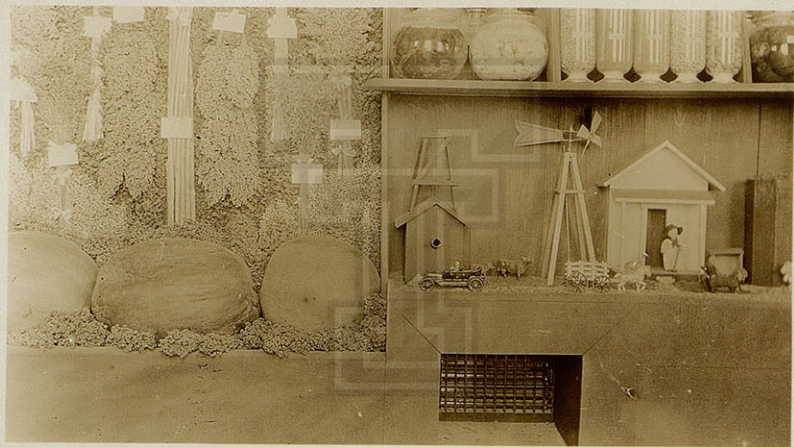
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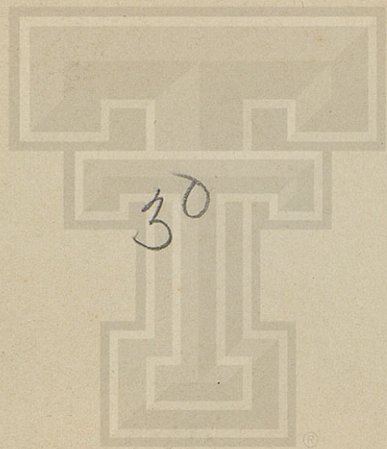






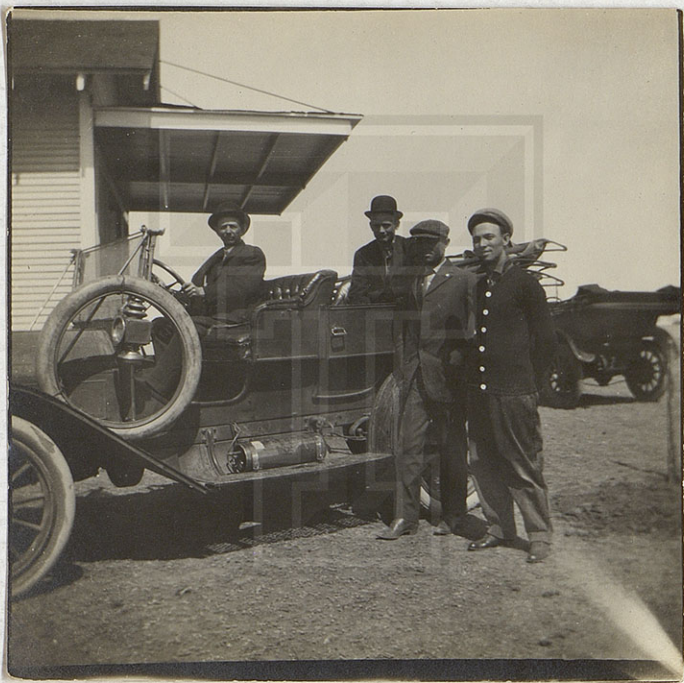




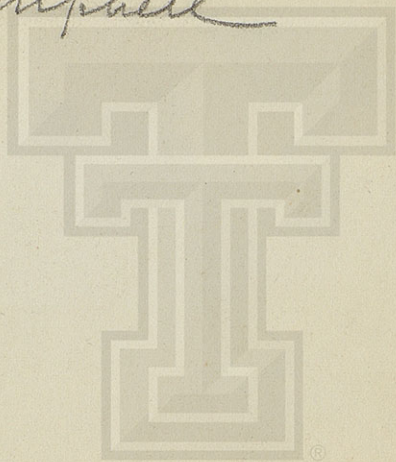


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Brother Rebt Malone
Campbell

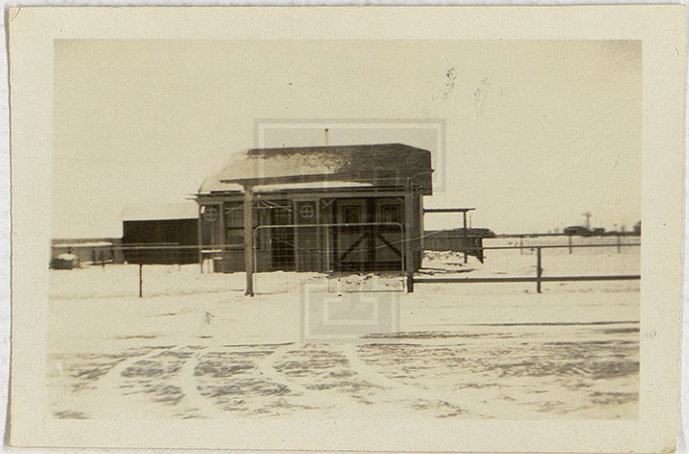




2nd house?

North & East view
of the Garage-house,
J.D. Jan. 1925

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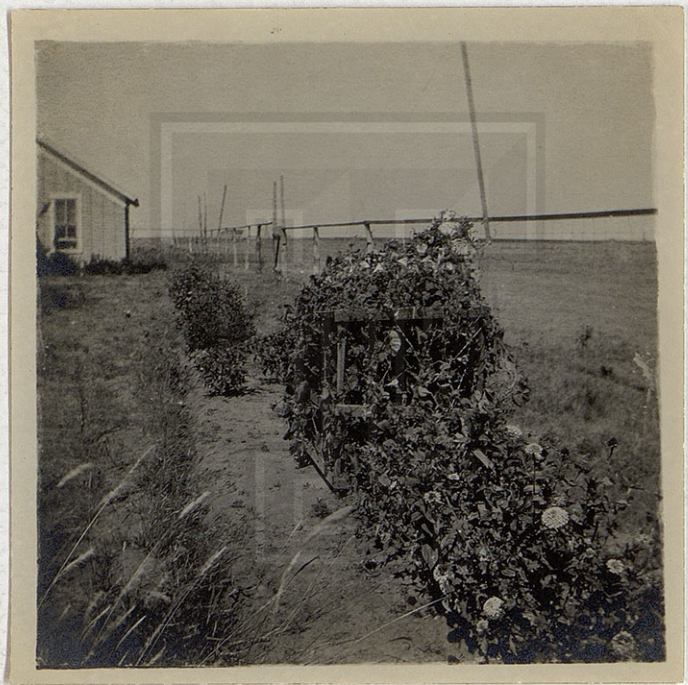
East view of the
C. J. Duggan
garage house -
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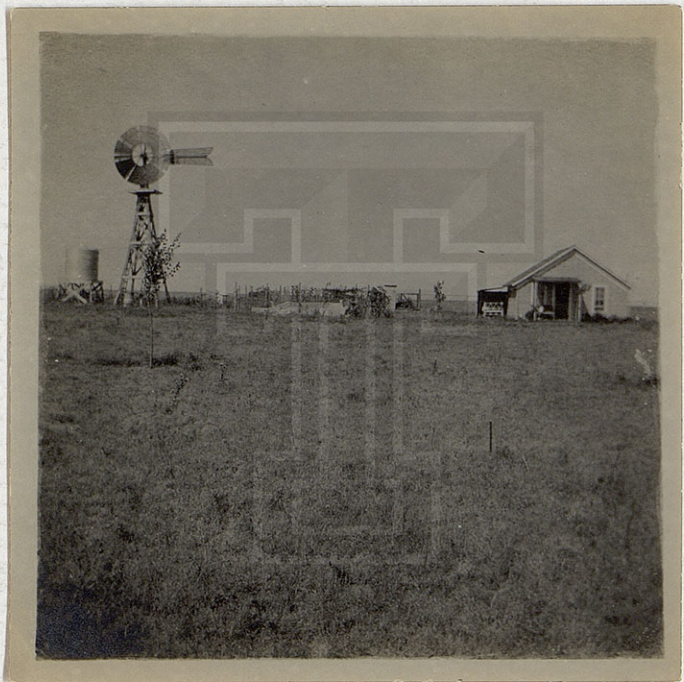


Sprinkling the flowers—

Mrs. C. J. Duggan



Supposed to be the flower-
bed along north fence.
Didn't show up as pretty
as it really is. ®



C. J. Deegan's first home
Littlefield, Texas

"The Barnairsta"
from a distance.
(note sleeping porch)



All alone, just eating
snow - cones in the
background.

C. J. Duggan



C. J. + Gladys when
first married

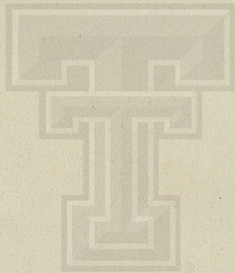
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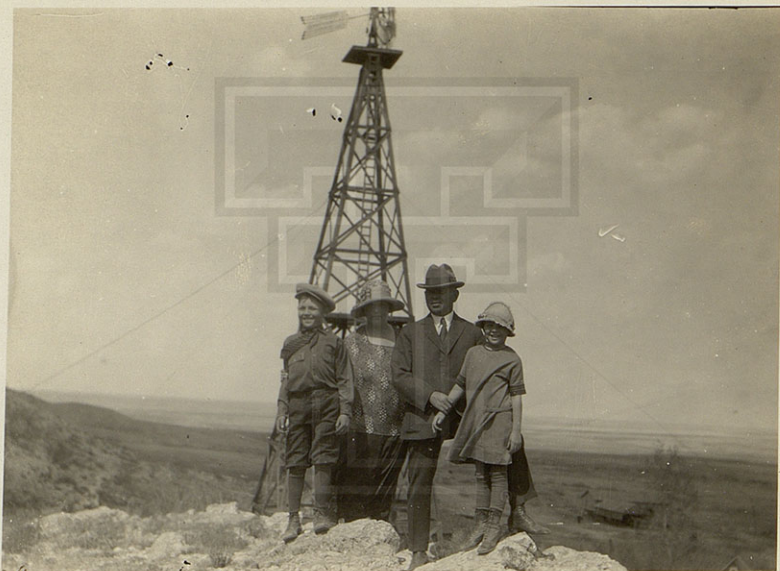


Sunflowers in the
garden &
the gardener -
Mrs. C. J. Duggan



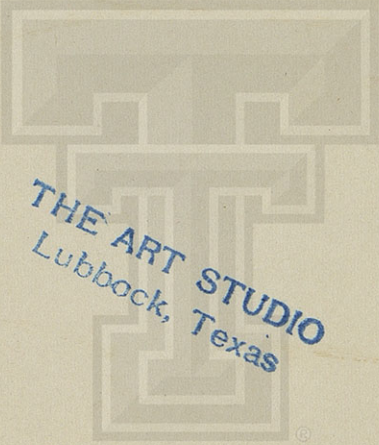
Yellow House Headquarters





Alone Ranch house - Yellow House Ranch

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THE ART STUDIO
Lubbock, Texas

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Irrigation Well on Littlefield Lands pumping 1400 gallons of water per minute. With the rich, productive soil, splendid climate and one of these Wells on a Littlefield Lands Farm, crops are certain and bank accounts large. Better get one.
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Post Card

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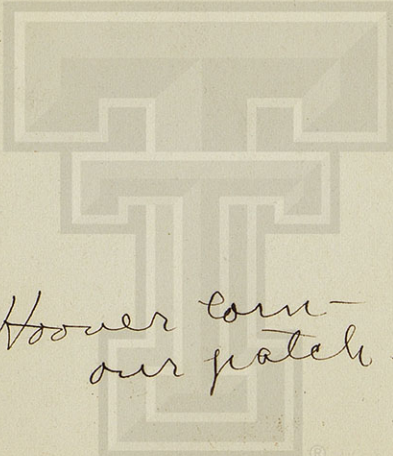
Littlefield's first
Postmaster &
Assistant
Mrs. V. V. White.



The tent in which I
spent first night in
Littlefield & some of the
men who bunked
with me on pallets on
the earthen floor.

(The gentleman to my
left is not an African,
but is our brother.)





Hoover com-
our patch -









The tent in which I spent
first night in Littlefield
& some of the men who
bunked with me on
pallets on the earthen
floor.

Can you find A. P. & your baby
boy?

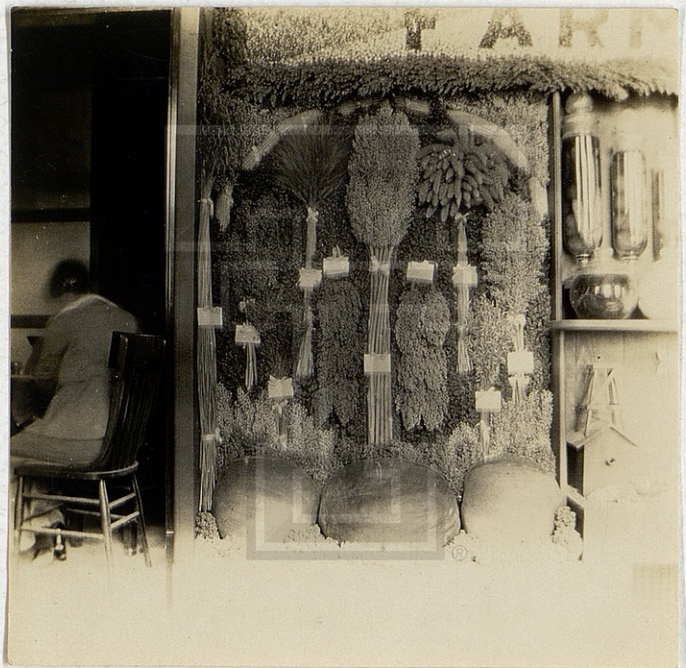


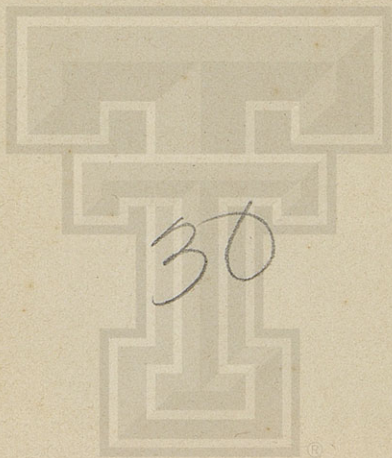
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Bank & Office Bldg.
Littlefield, Texas.
Miss Maude B & Mr. Beard.



Bank, Land office, Post office,
Drug store, Lodge Hall & Offices
Littlefield, Tex















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"El Vista" Front &
South elevations. The
3 windows & door are in our
living porch - Mother can
tell you more about it.
a picture cant do it justice.
Ask Frank Riordan if he
remembers me in Seattle!
Tell him that Lou Ellen is
married.

POST CARD

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Mrs. Julia C. Hart,
205 E. Oliver,
Stanford,
Texas.



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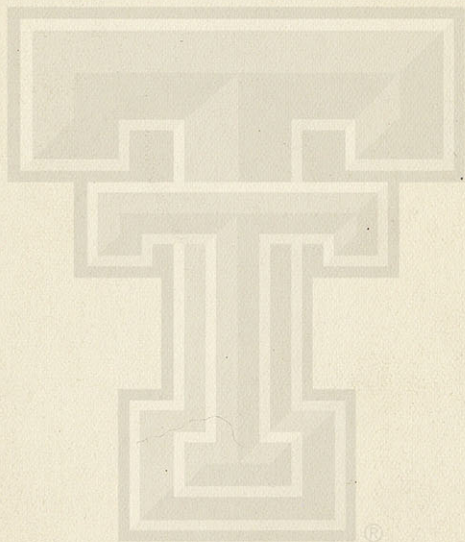
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*A. J. Higgins house in
Middlefield. 44.*



C. JACK DUGGAN
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Webb's City Studio
January 1951

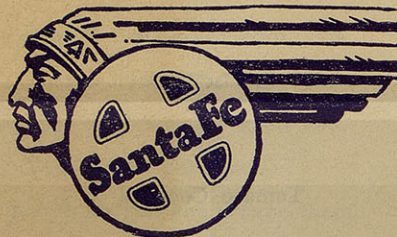


CAMPBELL J. DUGGAN

IN CHARGE OF

**LAMB COUNTY EXHIBIT
STATE FAIR, DALLAS, 1917**

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS



BANQUET

FORMAL OPENING

OF NEW

SANTA FE DEPOT

LITTLEFIELD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

BASEMENT, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

AUSPICES OF LITTLEFIELD CHAMBER OF

COMMERCE

MENU

Tomato Cocktail

Creamed Chicken and Patty Shells

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Buttered Beets

Green Beans

Pickles

Rolls

Perfection Salad

Pumpkin Pie and Whipped Cream

Tea

Coffee

Salted Nuts

Served by the Ladies of
the First Baptist Church

THE EYES OF TEXAS

The eyes of Texas are upon you,

All the live long day,

The eyes of Texas are upon you,

You cannot get away.

Do not think you can escape them,

At night or early in the morn.

The eyes of Texas are upon you,

Till Gabriel blows his horn.

WORKING ON THE RAILROAD

I've been working on the Santa Fe,

All the live long day;

I've been working on the Santa Fe,

To pass the time away.

Don't you hear the whistle blowing,

Rise up early in the morn,

Don't you hear Clay Pumphrey shouting,

"The new depot is done."

PROGRAM

Arthur P. Duggan-----Toastmaster

Songs----- { "The Eyes of Texas"
"Working on the Railroad"

Invocation-----Rev. Bruce Meador

Address of Welcome-----Arthur P. Duggan

Response-----T. B. Gallaher
(General Freight and Passenger Agent, Santa Fe)

Whistling Solo-----Mrs. Stella Bob Turner

Unravelling of Santa Fe Officials in Attendance----
-----H. C. Pipkin
(General Attorney, Santa Fe)

Introduction of Visitors—

Cornet Solo-----Jack Norman

Address on Behalf of Santa Fe-----J. R. Hitchcock
(General Manager of Western Lines)

Closing Song—

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
—OF—
LITTLEFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Arthur P. Duggan.....President
John Porcher.....Vice President
J. W. Hale.....Secretary
J. C. Hilbun.....Treasurer

DIRECTORS

E. A. Bills
T. S. Sales
J. E. Brannen
T. Wade Potter
Dr. C. C. Clements
F. G. Sadler
Dr. J. R. Coen
R. E. McCaskill
Morley B. Drake

DEADLINE EXTENDED ONE WEEK

Drilling of Littlefield's First Deep Test Oil Well Still Uncertain

The 700 acres in leases within the city limits of Littlefield requested by John W. Murchison, who is to drill the first deep test

oil well in Littlefield, are not yet acquired.

According to C. J. Duggan, Murchison's personal representative in Littlefield, Mr. Murchison will be in Littlefield the first of next week to decide whether to take his \$15,000 forfeit money out of the bank, or accept what acreage is now leased and proceed to spud in the well, or return leases to owners and let Littlefield find another operator to drill.

According to the escrow agreement now in the bank along with the money, Murchison has the right to withdraw the funds if 700 acres

in leases are not acquired. Should he accept what leases we have already in the bank, he will spud in a well within a very short time, and proceed to drill to 7700 feet unless oil or gas is found in poying quantities at lesser depth. It is the plan to go to granite in case nothing unfavorable is found at a 7700 foot depth. This is Littlefield's one great opportunity to get a deep test oil well within its city limits, and it is hoped that Mr. Murchison can see his way clear to go ahead with the plan with less than the 700 acres in leases.

There are many parties, accord-

ing to Duggan, who have not signed their leases though they had them prepared in his office. They cannot be counted until they are in the bank in escrow. Those who have not signed are urged to come to his office in McCary and Son's office and execute them, or phone to Duggan, phone 1095 and he will send notary to their homes. It is urgent that all leases be executed at once. The deadline is up, but Mr. Murchison has extended the time for acquiring the required amount another week.

Dedication of First Baptist, Earth, Is Set For Sunday

Dedication services will be held at the First Baptist Church, Earth Sunday, April 26, for the \$70,000 auditorium and educational annex. Rev. Bruce Giles is pastor of the congregation.

At the 11 a. m. worship services, Reverend Giles will preach the dedication sermon. M. E. Kelley, deacon and chairman of the building committee, will say the dedication prayer.

Special music selections will be presented at services throughout the day by the adult choir, under the direction of Frank C. Mills, Jr., the church's director of music and education.

Lunch will be served at the church at noon.

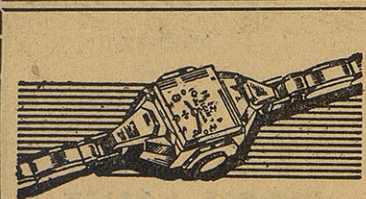
At 2 p. m., messages will be delivered by Rev. Franklin E. Swanner, district missionary of Plainview, and Rev. Earl Landtroop,

Plainview, a former pastor of the church. Reverend Swanner will speak on the subject, "The Church and Its Mission."

A. M. Sanders, former music director of the church, will be in charge of the song service at the afternoon meetings.

Also, special recognition will be given to former pastors of the church, members, charter members

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JACK FARR

Jeweler

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I wrote this for Editor.*

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LITTLEFIELD, LAMB COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1953

NO. 95

Littlefield Area Has Always Been Potential Oil Field

BY C. J. DUGGAN

There is probably no one in the entire world who had rather see oil producing in the townsite of Littlefield and this area, than I would. Not because of the monetary values it would mean to me personally, because it does not take money to make me happy, but because of what it would mean to the fine citizenship of this community, for I love Littlefield and it's grand people.

At the instance of my late brother, Senator Arthur P. Duggan, Sr., I came to Littlefield, arriving December 5, 1912, spending the first night sleeping on the ground in a tent at the Southeast corner of the Original Townsite, and from that minute to the present, I have always loved Littlefield. I was the first Postmaster of Littlefield (I was a first class postmaster of a 4th class office, and superintendent of the first Union Sunday school here, and I had the pleasure of organizing the First Methodist church as well as assisting other denominations. I pioneered along with the other splendid people who composed the first citizenship, but enjoyed it all. My first born son is buried in the original cemetery and I want to be laid by his side when I am called to the great beyond, which may not be many years hence.

Although it has been my fate to live in and out of Littlefield at various times, I never ceased loving it and have always expected to return when the time comes for me to do so. Throughout the years, the development of oil in this area has been on my heart and mind and we now have another oppor-

tunity to get a deep test oil well right in our city limits.

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Back in 1912, Major George W. Littlefield, owner of the famous Yellow House Ranch, out of which Littlefield is carved, was farsighted and had a well drilled for oil at what was then the South Camp of the ranch, but he was not deep-sighted enough, and contracted to a depth of only 2000 feet, thinking surely it could be no deeper than that. One of the drillers told me years later that they poured several barrels of oil in the hole, trying to get the Major to let them drill deeper, but he would not yield.

In 1938, I came to Littlefield to assemble two drilling blocks for my late brother, R. F. Duggan, who was an oil operator. One well was drilled south of town in Hockley county and the other was drilled west of town in Bailey county, both wells being bottomed with oceans of salt water. Then I assembled a drilling block just north of Littlefield, not having any idea whom I could get to drill it, but along came my old oil friend, John W. Murchison, of east Texas oil field days, and drilled a well to the depth of 5500 feet on the Albert Neuenschwander farm, only to find no oil in paying quantities. The president of the company was unfortunately killed in an airplane wreck the very week the well was completed, to contract depth, and everything had to stop because of some legal questions. No one individual was greater disappointed or lost more money in that venture than I did, for so sure was I that oil would be found, that I put al-

most every available thing I had into the block.

February, a year ago, I was in Dallas and called to make a friendly visit to my old oil friend, P. N. Wiggins, Jr., asking him what was going on in this area as I had some calls to lease some of my tracts around here, and to my great surprise, he told me of the then recent leasing spree that had taken place here, stating that after certain parties came in and paid such fabulous prices for town lots, that his companies simply withdrew as they could not compete in such tactics. He then told me that if I would come out here on my own and see if I could get the City Commission to pass an ordinance restricting drilling to one well to 20 acres in the city limits, he would take it up with his companies again to see if they were interested. I came here and got a faint hope that the ordinance would be passed under certain conditions, if and when someone was ready to operate. I reported to Wiggins and he was unable at that time to get his companies hot on the deal, but did not report to me until the following May. I then went to San Antonio to solicit my old oil-buddy, John W. Murchison, to come and drill a test well. He told me to wait two weeks until he could make some inquiries among the companies who held leases in the area. Two weeks later, I was told that there was a bare possibility of getting it done, and I came here in July, spending some \$1,500 getting information and preparing proper map of the townsite. The ordinance was never passed and interest was lost for the time being, then last week, Murchison called me in my Alabama home and told me to come back to see what could be done about the ordinance. I had taken to him an ordinance that had been prepared here by the City Attorney, Arthur P. Duggan, Jr., and others, along with my own ideas, and this was turned over to certain major companies whose attorneys passed upon it with some minor changes or suggestions.

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Tuesday morning of last week, I arrived in Littlefield with this ordinance and submitted it to the City Commission for consideration. Mr. Murchison came before the Commission at one meeting to explain his proposition and tell of the merits to the town of the ordinance, stating that the major companies who own leases in the area, will not drill a well until such an ordinance is passed.

Just what will such an ordinance mean to Littlefield, is in the minds of all owners of city property. Besides protecting the interest of the owners, providing for fire protection and proper operations in the townsite, it will mean in money alone, some \$54,500 in cash to the city, for there are 109 drilling blocks outlined and a fee of \$500 for each well permit is to be had. Aside from this, there will be a 2 cents per barrel tax to the city on all oil produced within the city limits, which will mean a great deal over the years. The oil companies operating will bear the brunt of taxes, and all of this will pay for out of court house and schools. The population should greatly increase for there will be

many men employed in the development process, who will become permanent citizens to look after the oil interest of the owners and induce industries to come to our town.

Furthermore, we propose to let the property owners retain 1-16th over-ride in addition to their regular 1-8th, (in case they own all minerals under their lots) and this alone will be worth a great deal more than a small lease payment would amount to, either to keep, or to sell at proper time when development is progressing.

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The citizenship of Littlefield as a whole, went oil development here. I have been offered the use, gratis, of offices, by several parties, and the real estate agents

of the town have agreed to assist in acquiring leases without pay or commission. There are many evidences of cooperation on all sides by many various interests.

So, citizens of Littlefield, this is your one chance to get a deep test oil well in your town limits now, with it producing, there will be untold development in the area. None of the major companies have been willing to drill for oil in this near area until such an ordinance is passed. We have already put up cash escrow agreement with leases in bank until we acquire sufficient number of lots to justify the spending of the money required to make the proper test. What do you want to do? We are ready for action. Will Littlefield continue to progress, or will it stop and let this opportunity pass at this time?

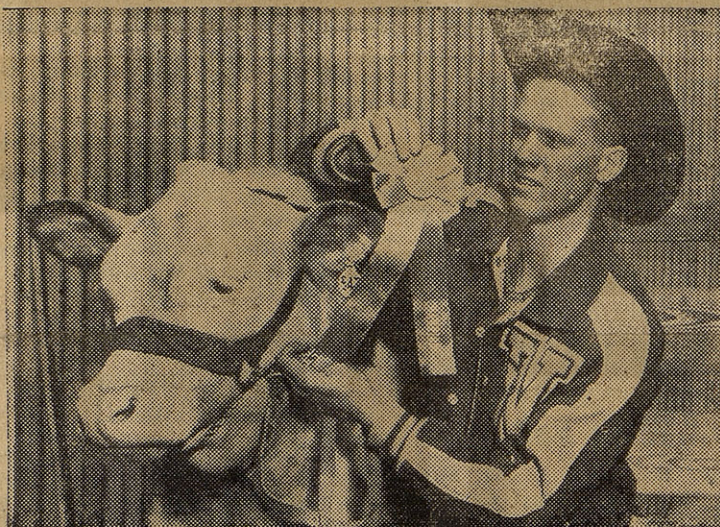
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NO. 95

Property Owners Are Cooperating In City Lot Oil Leasing Program



A WINNER FOR SURE — Weldon Curbo, 16-year-old Future Farmer, is shown with the grand champion's ribbon and his Hereford that won it during the closing activities Sat-

urday at the Hockley County Junior Fat Stock Show at Levelland. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Curbo, he attends Whiteface High school where he is a sophomore.

C. J. Duggan Will Be Guest Speaker At Rotary Club Luncheon Today

C. J. Duggan will be guest speaker at a regular Littlefield Rotary club luncheon meeting today, at the First Methodist church. He will be introduced by his nephew, Arthur P. Duggan, Jr., who is in charge of the "International program."

Duggan will speak on "The Russian Situation." He spent a year in Germany in 1947-48, when his son, William A. Duggan, was stationed there. He had close contact with the foreign situation at that time, and is well versed on the subject, it was announced.

A question period will follow the talk.

Three File on School Trustee Ticket

From the office of the school secretary, comes the announcement that three names have thus far been filed as candidates for places on the school board, with two places to be filled, at the school election, April 4.

Those whose names have been filed to date are Troy Moss and Jack Christian for re-election, and Earnest D. Goertz. The third mentioned is also well and favorably known here. Both Christian and Moss who have offered for re-election are completing a three year tenure in office.

Oil, and leasing of Littlefield city lots, has become the spotlighted activity and subject of street corner conversation in Littlefield the past week, or since the City Commission passed an ordinance Tuesday of last week, restricting drilling within the city limits one well to each 20 acres.

Escrow agreement between John W. Murchison, who is to drill the first deep test well, and the City of Littlefield, requires a minimum of 700 acres to be leased by him within a specified time, or agreement can be cancelled.

Headquarters for the drive to secure the necessary 700 acres has been set up at the McCary Real Estate offices on Phelps Avenue, with C. J. Duggan heading the campaign, acting for John Murchison, an oil operator of San Antonio, in charge.

As of late Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Duggan, reporting to this paper was highly optimistic that the 700 acres would be signed, and speed-

ily. He stated that approximately one-third of the necessary acres had already been signed up, in the first week since the ordinance was passed.

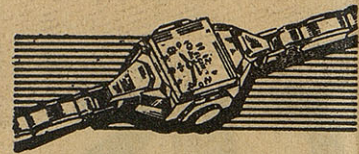
He also added that many of the larger property owners are coming in and voluntarily signing leases, and that the campaign was gaining and would continue to gain impetus, as word of the trend became general knowledge.

Fifteen thousand dollars in cash bond was deposited by Mr. Murchison in a local bank, to guarantee fulfillment of ordinance provisions, last week, said Mr. Duggan.

It was also stated at the headquarters that a large number of volunteers had proffered both help and services in signing up the required acreage, to the end that the test for oil in underground Littlefield can and will get underway with the least possible delay.

More Leases Needed Before Littlefield Well Spudded In

While numerous people are giving leases on their property in order that a test well may be drilled within the city limits of Littlefield,



JACK FARR

Jeweler

a survey of the leases obtained thus far reveals that only half of the necessary commitments have been obtained.

With a time limit in which Littlefield property may be leased in connection with the proposed test well, it is declared vital for property owners, if they are to benefit from the proposed project, to volunteer their leases at once. Too few leases obtained, which means too little acreage, could defeat the plans to bring oil to this city and community.

Ready to Drill

John W. Murchison, who is to drill the well, is not holding back on the 120-day time in which to spud in the well as provided for in the escrow agreement with the City of Littlefield now in a local bank with \$15,000 forfeit check attached.

Mr. Murchison called his local representative, C. J. Duggan, by long distance telephone from San Antonio Wednesday to inquire how much acreage had been obtained. He ended his conversation by saying:

"I wish you had the acreage ready now, I have a drilling rig that will be free this Friday and I would have it over there next week ready to spud in if you had the required acreage."

There is some production at this time southeast of Littlefield and a new well seven miles southwest of this city is being drilled at this time. This is a deep test and reports are that there has been a showing of oil. A core was secured to be taken last night.

LAMB COUNTY LEADER, Thursday, March 26, 1953

TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF LITTLEFIELD:

**You Have The One Chance Now To Get A Deep Test Oil
Well Drilled Within Your City Limits.**

John W. Murchison would have Spudded the Well in this week, had the required acreage of 700 acres been acquired. The longer you wait to lease us your lot or acreage, the longer it will be before a well can be drilled. We are giving you an 1/16th override instead of a small cash payment, which will be worth much more to you when oil is discovered, than the cash would be. Then you are helping yourself and neighbors get a test well drilled by co-operating and letting us have your lease.

Please call our office, 1095 or 30 and let us have the information to draw up your lease, then come down and execute it without cost to you. When we need your abstract, we supplement it to date at our expense and give it back to you when we are through with it.

If you want a test well drilled in Littlefield, act now for we have only a short time in which to acquire this acreage. We need every lot and acre tract to make up the acreage. You will be proud when the well comes in that you helped us get it by coming in with your lease.

C. J. DUGGAN

Representative of John W. Murchison
Office in Hamp McCary and Son's Real
Estate Office. — Phones 30 and 1095

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LAMB COUNTY LEADER, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1953

Read The Anton News In The Leader -

Brotherhood Meeting Held at First Methodist Church Friday Night

Sixteen men were present at the Brotherhood meeting at Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church Friday evening where they were served a delicious meal of hot rolls, roast beef, vegetable casserole, a raw vegetable salad, chocolate upside down cake and coffee by Mesdames Alvin Crews, Donald Love, Carl Rushing, Harlan Black and Ed Hart.

Harlan Black had charge of the program and showed pictures of their recent trip to Honolulu. Well, this editor rather expected Harlan Black to sneak back some little Hula Miss doing the Wacki-Woo in action and color. And I am sure it was INTERESTING but whether or not it was exactly conducive to real religion I can't say. Who am I to judge? and anyhow, I wasn't there. It is highly probable that those little Hula Hula girls were censored clear out for church purposes!

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is slightly ill this

Mrs.

LaHarte Theatre Operate By Hart For 26 Years

For twenty-six years Ed Hart and his family have operated The La Harte Theatre. The place has been kept up to date, growing and improving as the town has.

At one time when a major change for the better had been made it was decided to give the patrons the choice of a name for it. Twenty-five dollars was offered for the name selected. Cora Mae Williams, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Newton submitted the name chosen . . . La Harte Theatre.

Mr. Hart has always given us the very best available and has kept abreast of the times in every way. A short time ago he sold it to Mr. Chesher who continues in the same manner.

We have never needed another show and I believe that if the patronage ever justifies one that Mr. Chesher will probably take care of

Does Littlefield Want Oil Development? Possibility Test Will Not Be Drilled

There is a strong possibility that the first deep test oil well will not be drilled in Littlefield, because the required 700 acres is not leased and the dead line for the leasing is Wednesday, April 22.

John W. Murchison advised his representative, C. J. Duggan, Wednesday, that unless the required 700 acres is in the bank in escrow by April 22, he will have to change his plans, and perhaps withdraw the \$15,000 he has in escrow and not drill the well as planned.

If the citizens of Littlefield want oil development, it will be neces-

sary for those who have not offered to lease their lots and acreage, to do so at once. It costs a lot of money to drill a deep test oil well, and Murchison is not willing to undertake the operation without sufficient acreage to protect himself.

According to the terms of the escrow agreement in a local bank, he can withdraw the funds and return the leases already in escrow to their rightful owners.

This is Littlefield's first chance to get a deep test oil well drilled without cost to the citizenship, and if this fails, there is little chance that any one else will undertake to drill it.

The ordinance in the City Hall will terminate unless Murchison spuds in the first well within 120 days from March 11. Major companies have indicated that they will not drill a well in this area unless an ordinance is in force in Littlefield, restricting one well to 20 acres and a number of other protective clauses.

Every lot counts but it takes a lot of lots to make up 700 acres, and all those who have not leased are urged to volunteer their lots and small acreage tracts to Murchison in order to get a test well drilled. When oil is discovered and brougpt in within the city limits, it will go a long way towards paying our municipal debts, the school, the court house, and lower taxes in general, as well as increase the population of Littlefield which will mean more business for everybody. If Littlefield wants a test well drilled, it will be necessary to act at once.

Handwritten:
Send C. J. Duggan 4/16/33
Write this.

THE OIL DERRICK or THE OILY NEWS

By
C. J. Duggan

By C. J. Duggan

THIS WEEK, FOLKS, we have good and bad news for you about our oil business. The good news is that many of the churches have had their meetings and are letting us have their leases, and many individual property owners have cooperated by letting us draw up their leases. BUT, the BAD NEWS IS, that we do not yet have enough acreage to meet the requirements of John W. Murchison who is to drill the first deep test oil well for Littlefield. He is asking for only 700 acres out of over 2000 acres in the city limits, and we need about 200 more acres before we are ready to spud in the first well.

When talking to Mr. Murchison over long distance this last week, he told me that he was sorry that I did not have all of the acreage ready, as he had a free rig that he could have over here and spud in this week. MY, if only you could have heard that statement! Perhaps, you would lease, for the longer you wait to cooperate and put in your lease, the longer it will be before a well can and will be spudded in. So many have told us that they would let us have their lease IF WE JUST HAD TO HAVE IT. WELL, FOLKS, we just have to have it NOW in order to meet the requirements, and we have only a short time in which to get it in the bank. Those of you who have had us prepare leases, please come in and execute them, for we cannot count them until they are in the bank in escrow along with our \$15,000.00 draft to the City of Littlefield in case we fall down on our part of the agreement. ACT TODAY, FOLKS, phone us 30 or 1095 and give us the information to draw your lease, then come to office and execute it before notary public, or let us know and we will send notary to your home. We MUST have your lease now if you want a test well drilled within city limits of Littlefield.

The Lessor Honor Roll is so very large this week, that it would take a whole column to give all names, so a few are given only: Enloe Smith, C. A. Miller, Mrs. Mayme Cheshier, Mrs. Arthur P. Duggan, Sr. (Arthur Jr. had to make a special trip to California to get his mother's signature to the many leases). The Missionary Baptist Church, the St. Martin's Lutheran Church, (other churches

are holding required meetings before they can execute lease). Mancil Hall, Jack Christian, V. M. Farr, E. J. Foust, Roy Gilbert, Mrs. Ruby Blair, Mrs. Cleda Goodwin, Bob Cox, Otto Jones, Robert Kirk, Morley B. and Ethel M. Drake, W. B. Little, J. B. McShan, et al, T. A. Henson, and a lot of others. We appreciate the wonderful cooperation many are giving us. BUT, FOLKS, we need your leases NOW. We do not have men to send to ask you for your lease, so please let us have them voluntarily.

We really have to take our hats right off our heads to one of our real pioneers of Littlefield—Clyde Willis, for his untiring efforts in volunteering his services as notary to go with our men into the homes to take acknowledgements where the ladies cannot come to town and to our office to execute their leases. Clyde has been in Littlefield many years and has always been known for his cooperation in anything that is beneficial to Littlefield. Thanks, Clyde, publicly, for your willingness to help.

There are many ways in which one can tell who is BOSS in the home, and one sure fire way is to try to get husband and wife to act jointly on any major project. We

are sorry to report that we have a few cases of where the husband told us to draw up his lease, then his wife refused to join him in signing it later. There are other cases where the wife wants to cooperate and lease to us, but the husband balks at the signing. SO, FOLKS, let us all cooperate, even husband and wife, in this one step for progress in Littlefield. Bury your petty jealousies and misunderstandings and come in and help us get up the required acreage. We need every lot and acre we can get to make it possible for the first well to be drilled.

Oh, yes, there are at least two divorces coming up, or rather contemplated, as an excuse not to lease. Say, wives, if you have TOUGHED IT OUT this far with that old man you call HUBBY—why not continue to make life happy with him by joining him in this one big step for progress . . . lease us your lot or acreage. It takes six lots to make an acre, and every one counts.

We trust that you listen to your radio, for we are having three plugs per day announced in an effort to get your co-operation. Every word that is told you is the solid truth. We are not speculators in leases, we want and must have at least 700 acres

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within the city limits of Littlefield before we are willing to spend \$100,000.00 or more on a deep test well here. Will you help yourself by helping us get this required acreage? Don't wait for other fellow to act—you act and be a part of that host of friends and neighbors who are wanting an oil well brought in here.

Did you know that the Texas Oil and Gas Producers pay 67.3% of all state, business and property tax? Further that the Texas Oil Industry Taxes provides: 37.8% of available School Fund . . . 54.9% of Foundation School Fund—41.1% of General Revenue Fund, 57.3% of Old Age Fund, 42.3% of State Hospital Fund, 58.3% Farm to Market Fund — and 58.5% Teachers Retirement Fund? It does, folks, and when we bring in a producing well in Littlefield, it will also help pay for your courthouse and schools.

Well, here's a joke that is not OILY, but has to do with HOT COFFEE, and who has not burnt his lips with the java, one time or another: A rich, selfish lady was on the Santa Fe train going to California, and those who ride

trains (few do these days for they use automobiles and airplanes now) know that the Santa Fe has wonderful eating places called Harvey Houses, and all passengers must get off at eating stops to get their meals, and not go back to a diner to get them. Well, this lady ordered her second cup of coffee, when the conductor yelled "ALL A-BOARD" and she refused to leave the counter by saying "My coffee is so hot I can't drink it and I am NOT going to leave until I do." The other passengers cat-called at her and the conductor continued to yell "ALL ABOARD," but the determined lady told them again that her coffee was too hot to drink and she was not going to leave until she drank it, whereupon a typical West Texas cowboy drawled out: "HERE LADY, YOU CAN HAVE MAIN—IT'S ALREADY SAUCERED AND BLOWED

MORE NEXT WEEK, FOLKS, BUT I do really hope that you have bad dreams and can't sleep until you let us have your oil lease. HOW ABOUT IT? Don't divorce your husband or wife, get together and come to our office to happily sign your lease.

wrist watches, etc. ous merchants over the county.

Lamb County Leader April 2nd, 1953 C. J. Duggan Urges Signing of Leases So That First Well May Be Drilled

"A drilling rig would have been in here this week had the leases been ready," stated C. J. Duggan Wednesday.

John W. Murchison advised Mr. Duggan that he had a free rig and would have had it here this week to spud in the first well if the leases on the required 700 acres had been ready. It is necessary, stated Mr. Duggan, to have 700 acres under lease with leases in escrow in the bank before the first

well can be spudded in.

As the Leader goes to press Mr. Duggan estimates he has approximately 450 acres accounted for, but all of the leases even for this acreage are not executed, and they cannot be accounted for until they are in the bank.

Those who have leases prepared, but executed will hurry the drilling of the first well by going to his office and executing the leases, Mr. Duggan said.

THE OIL DERRICK OR THE OILY NEWS

By C. J. DUGGAN

Congratulations to our City Dads, the Honorable Mayor, Art Chesher, and distinguished Commissioners, L. C. Hewitt and Lon Campbell, for passing unanimously the Ordinance that gave Littlefield the chance to get a deep test oil well drilled within the city limits. They will always be remembered as the most progressive Commission the city of Littlefield has ever had. Again, I say CONGRATULATIONS!

LESSORS' HONOR ROLL

Number One place goes to Thomas A. and Nettie B. Hilbun for having their lease prepared first of all in Littlefield. They know their stuff, eh?

Number Two place goes to the one and only W. J. (Alias Bill) Chesher and wife June, who brought his deeds in and said "Go ahead and prepare our leases, and don't put that non-development clause in it. You can drill a well in the front yard or in the back yard, or I will move the (?) house if necessary. Anybody knows, who knows Bill and June, know that that "shack" they live in is not to be sneezed at. And he also had lease prepared for Billy June to sign, who is educating herself in that little old S. M. U. at Dallas. Hat's off to the Chesheres for progress!

THE JONES AND SMITHS ARE ALWAYS TO BE COUNTED UPON FOR PROGRESS

Number Three place goes to James B. and Lila A. Jones (Better known as "Buddy") who had their lease prepared. "Buddy" is the efficient secretary of City Attorney Duggan, and she has done a lot of hard work getting up the Ordinance and escrow agreement and other legal tangles ironed out, etc.

Number Four place goes to Charles B. Smith, Jr., and Jessie B. who were really the first to execute their lease after it was prepared.

There are many others who have volunteered to come in and execute leases and our office will be on the honor roll NEXT WEEK?

The Genial Rev. Henry Haupt, pastor of First Presbyterian church, sent me word Saturday, by my nephew, Arthur P. Duggan, Jr., that if I did not attend his church Sunday, he would not let me have the lease on the church lot. I really would have attended his church had my nephew gone along with me, but the Rev. Haupt does not know that I am not a Presbyterian, that said Arthur's father is the one member of the Duggan clan that strayed away from the Methodist fold when he married, nor does he know that I organized the First Methodist church in Littlefield many moons ago. How be it, I attend all churches and enjoy them. I attended the Baptist revival this week, and it was not because I was trying to win them over to get a lease. Rev. Haupt, I will gladly attend your church some Sunday and here is a suggested topic for discussion: "God can and will redeem a man whether he is on top of an oil derrick, or in the bottom of the slush pit."

That reminds me of something I heard at a Methodist convention in Savannah, Georgia, some months ago: "A Methodist will pick a man up out of the mud, the Baptist will wash him clean, the Presbyterians will put the starch in him, and the Episcopalians will iron him out stiff." Hats off to all churches, and may all of them profit by bringing in an oil well here. We agree not to drill on their church property if they do not want us to, eh? Which church will be the first to sign up?

Unfortunately, a local editor got "Drilling Blocks" and "Acres" all mixed up and so published that we wanted to lease 700 drilling blocks before we would drill. This was copied by a Lubbock paper, and I had a long distance call from Harry Hoare, oil editor of the Amarillo News, who inquired: "What on earth are you going to do down there, drill the whole county?" When I told him that it was just an error of printers ink, he said he thought so, as 700 drilling blocks, consisting of 20 acres each, would be 14,000 acres, and he was afraid that we were going to lease and drill all the way to Amarillo city limits. Anyway, the news got around that it was drilling blocks instead of acres, so we are answering a lot of questions and coming in for a lot of jibes. And then to cap the climax, the Amarillo News came out Sunday with a nice write-up, but with two errors, the major one being that leases acquired some two years ago had been cancelled, which is not true. Editors, please help us keep the records straight.

Cooperation has been the watchword this week, for everybody who has done anything at all about our well-drilling, has gone over back-

wards helping us get organized. The telephone company assigned us a number even before the Ordinance was signed, in order to get it in the paper in time, in case it was passed. Hamp McCary and office staff are doing everything possible to help get the leases executed, Insurance Winston went out of his way to get a large calendar for our office so we could find the dates easily for leases to be dated, etc. Several business men have come in and taken our circulars to place in their show windows. There are just too many to mention — those public spirited citizens who have helped us materially or by an encouraging word.

When Mr. John W. Murchison, the operator who is to drill this well, was here meeting before the City Commission, someone asked him if he would hold out and not start the well before 120 days after date of Ordinance, etc., and he replied, that "if everything was ready now, I have a free rig in Yoakum county that I could get moved over here within 24 hours to start the well." Let's get the leases in fast and get the well started sooner than expected. How about it, good citizens of Littlefield?

What drilling block will be the first to get a drilling block club organized? I am wondering if it will be No. 32. Residents of that block had a meeting this week. Our phone number is 1095. Call to get your block number.

More next week — Watch this column for the OILY NEWS.

is full of energy & busy work.

THE OIL DERRICK on THE OILY NEWS

By
C. J. Duggan

The Lessors honor roll this week sounds like the Who's Who in Littlefield. To save space we are listing only the men who have executed leases since last issue, omitting the wives' names, if they have a wife:

E. C. Caldwell, W. C. Cannon, C. W. Clark, O. F. Dent, A. E. Mann, H. W. McCary, R. W. McIntire, J. D. Smith, T. Wade Potter, J. M. Stokes, Norris Onstead, I. D. Onstead, Dennis M. Jones, J. H. Campbell, V. L. Hofacket, R. W. Wood, B. D. Garland, jr. and sr., Hildron Rogers, I. T. Shotwell, jr., Dan Heard, M. C. Humphries, Jack Huber, F. C. Beyer, H. O. Bigham, W. Pink Johnson, L. C. and Tom Hewitt, Douglas Howell, Al Chambers, Arthur Jones and Mesdames Bobbie Pass, Ethel B. Cooper and a great number of other femesoles. Takes the women to know what progress is and what an oil well will do for Littlefield, eh? There are many others whose leases are prepared but they have not come in to sign them yet.

A number of our Latin American friends have executed leases, including: G. V. Gonzales, Pedro Alvarez, and Cruz Esquibel.

Our first colored friend to sign was: Edd Haskins, and second was Floyd Johnson.

The First Methodist church is the first church to have its lease drawn. Others are agreeing to lease to us. The Littlefield schools has its lease prepared and being signed.

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The City of Littlefield property, all the Duggan property and several large tracts are being leased. But, folks, we need about 300 acres more in lots and tracts. The few men who are assisting us to round up the leases, without pay to them, are unable to contact each and every property owner. Won't you come in and let us have your legal description so we can prepare the lease? The quicker we get the required acreage, the quicker you will have a well spudded in. We need your held right now. Please do not wait for the other fellow to act, you act for yourself and bring him along with you to our office for RIGHT-NOW-ACTION.

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Our local Chamber of Commerce, through its efficient head, Bob Crowell, came to our rescue in an emergency last week, and run off a lot of needed forms for us, so we could go ahead and prepare leases. Bob happens to have an uncle and wife living in my adopted home town of Opelika, Alabama and I heard a lot of nice things about him before I came to Littlefield. He's a live-wire in any man's town!

You ought to hear some of the things we hear about the reaction of some people as to what we are doing or rather trying to do for Littlefield. It would really make you laugh out loud if it were not so serious. How some people make up such tales is beyond my imagination and I really have an abundance of imagination, as my friends know. Just don't pay any attention to such tales, and come to us for facts and real information.

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Listen Folks, Hear Ye Me: Let's don't let politics get into this leasing campaign. Regardless of who is elected Mayor or city commissioners, the City of Littlefield is going to progress and the rain will come and the sun will shine (I wish I could say that the dust storms would not come, but we all know and love our section of the state, so must expect them, eh?) and with an oil well producing in your city limits, we are going to build and grow. SO-O-O-O forget the political campaign in connection with this deal, and let us have your lease. Regardless of whom you vote for, all of our leaders want this deep test well put down, but we are not going to get it unless you hurry and let us have your leases, voluntarily. May we depend upon you right now, today, not next week, but today, to bring in the information and let us prepare your lease.

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Mr. John W. Murchison, the man who is to drill this test well, calls the office almost daily to know how we are progressing. He is ready to move an oil derrick over here to spud in as soon as the 700 acres are accounted for.

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Here's a good story that has nothing to do with oil, but I thought you might enjoy it. A Negro preacher who could not preach a sermon without his manuscript, found to his dismay one Sunday, that he did not have said manuscript with him, but he decided to go ahead and try it without the paper. In telling of the great work of Christ, he said: "And Christ took two thousand loaves and five thousand fishes and fed five people." Whereupon, one of his deacons bursted out in laughter and said: "ugh, that's nothing, I could do that well myself." This irritated the preacher, but he continued his sermon. The next Sunday he had his manuscript and in a cocky manner, proceeded to read it word for word: "And Christ took two loaves and five fishes, and fed five thousand people, NOW, Mr. Deacon, do you think you could do that well?" The deacon replied: "Sure I could, if I had what was left over from last Sunday."

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Look for this column next week. We hope to have startling news for you—that the required 700 acres have been leased. You can make it come true if you will come in with your leases.

Commission Approves Oil Wells Within City Limits

City commission, at a special meeting Wednesday morning, unanimously approved and enacted an ordinance, which permits the drilling of oil wells within the city limits, but restricts drilling operations to one well for each 20 acres, which means that approximately 109 wells would be the maximum that could be drilled, as the city now comprises some 2100 acres, or three and one-third square miles or 109 city drilling blocks.

The commission has had the proposed ordinance under intensive study for the past few weeks, following an offer by John Murchison, oil operator, represented lo-

cally by C. J. Duggan, to drill an exploratory well, if necessary acreage could be leased, and the city was willing to enact the spacing ordinance, which has now been passed.

This in turn opens the possibility that a well or wells will be drilled here in the immediate future.

Murchison posted a \$15,000 forfeit bond with First National Bank, guaranteeing to start the well in 120 days if the acreage can be obtained.

However, enactment of the ordinance will open the door to any other operator, who wishes to

make the test, and can secure leases.

The wording of the ordinance follows the general pattern enacted and in effect in many other Texas cities. The Littlefield City Commission also placed some additional safe-guarding provisions in the new ordinance.

Numerous surveys have been made by geologists in and around Littlefield, and many of their reports have been said to be favorable.

Murchison, if he starts drilling of a test well here, will sink it to a depth of 7700 feet, if necessary, he has stipulated.

Moisture Sunday Puts Land In Excellent Condition For Spring

It dripped and drizzled rain over Littlefield and this area Sunday, but the best that Vic Bullman, who keeps watch over the moisture gauge at the oil mill here, could do, as the rain ceased was to report moisture totaling only one-fifth of an inch.

Bullman said however, that this

brings the total for 1953 to date as 1.61 inches, which includes .65 in March, .23 in February and .73 in January.

Land tracts throughout the county are mostly in excellent, plowed condition to take advantage of every drop of moisture that falls,

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Six Candidates for Commission

Six men have filed for places on the Littlefield city commission.

The deadline for filing was March 7, and the election will be held Tuesday, April 7.

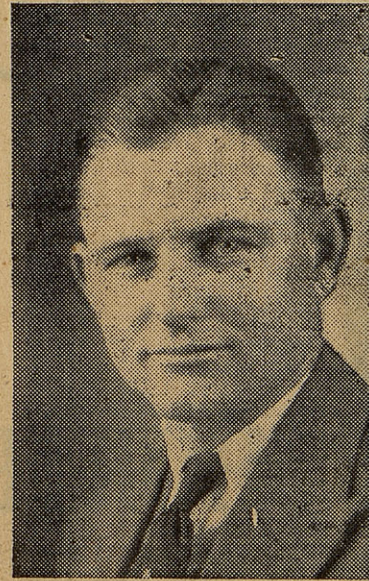
Those who filed in the last few days of the limit were A. C. Chesh-er, for re-election as mayor; Lon C. Campbell, for re-election as a commissioner, and Hamp McCary,

real estate man and farmer, for election to the commission.

Those who filed previously were L. C. Hewitt, city commissioner, for election as mayor; Pat Boone, Jr., attorney, for election as commissioner, and Nelson Naylor, hardware merchant, for election to the commission.



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Littlefield Has Chance To Get Deep Test Oil Well Drilled Within City Limits

On March 11, 1953, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., (hereafter to be known as a memorable day for progress in Littlefield) the City Commission, composed of the Honorable Art C. Chesher, Mayor, Les C. Hewitt and Lon Campbell, Commissioners, at a special called session of the Commission, passed unanimously an Ordinance which opens the way for drilling a deep test oil well inside the Littlefield City limits.

What the Ordinance Is ---

The Ordinance is a long instrument dealing with technical phrases which the average laymen may not understand, but it is based on Ordinances of other oil towns throughout the United States, and has special provisions for our local needs. Briefly, to you, Mr. Property Owner, it means that the City Commission of Littlefield has control of all drilling in the City limits, receiving a fee of \$500.00 for each permit to drill, with an additional 2 cents per barrel tax on all oil produced herein. With 109 drilling blocks, of about 20 acres each, it means, when all blocks are drilled, that the City will receive \$54,500.00 cash alone, plus the extra tax on oil, which could amount to several thousand dollars annual income to the City. Protective measures are provided in the Ordinance against fire hazards, and drilling restrictions are included to protect you and your property.

Your Option As Property Owner ---

You have three choices of handling your property — 1. You do not have to lease at all, but if you do not, you will receive nothing until after the well is completely paid for out of oil produced. 2. You may pay your prorata share of drilling and production expenses, putting up your prorata share of the bond required by operators, and then you may draw your 8/8th interest: Or 3. You may lease to responsible operator and sit back and get your 1/8th interest, and possibly more, without cost to you, and at the same time show your co-operation with those who are willing to spend their money to develop the area.

Responsible Oil Operator Is Ready to Drill Test Well ---

John W. Murchison, responsible oil operator, is putting \$15,000.00 cash in the First National Bank of Littlefield, along with escrow agreement that leases will be attached to, and agrees to drill to 7700 feet, if oil or gas in paying quantities is not found at lesser depth, and to start operations within 120 days from date of escrow agreement, when at least 700 acres of leases are acquired in City limits. If he does not perform as agreed, the \$15,000.00 will be forfeited to the City. We will prepare the leases and take your acknowledgments at our expense and pay for supplemental abstracts and perfect titles if necessary.

CAUTION---

John W. Murchison is able and willing to start drilling as soon as necessary leases have been signed and delivered in escrow to the bank. Lease to him through C. J. Duggan, his representative. If you lease to a speculator who has no interest in your property except to make all out of it he can, you are handicapping yourself, for if you do not lease to one who is ready to drill now, and let him get controlling interest in your

drilling block, you will not get the block drilled as quickly as otherwise it would be drilled, as operator holding greater interest in each block has priority for drilling permit in that block.

Enthusiastic Community Interest Already in Evidence ---

Mr. Hamp McCary has offered the use of his splendid offices to us for getting leases, without charge to us, and the following real estate men and citizens of Littlefield are offering their services in helping round up the leases in addition to Hamp, are Rhenard McCary, Charlie Clark, Van Clark, Arthur Jones, Bill Kelly, Roy and S. M. McCary, Ernest Gaston, R. W. Wood, and others whom we have not contacted. These men, in the oil venicular, will be known as lease hounds.

The following local attorneys have already given their time in getting legal details ironed out with Ordinance and escrow agreement: Arthur P. Duggan, Jr., T. Wade Potter, Willard G. (Bill) Street, Jr., Pat Boone, Jr., (we are sure others will when needed) and to co-operate and work together getting abstracts examined and titles perfected when the time comes for that work.

Organize Drilling Block Clubs ---

Let's all work together, and now. Phone our office, 1095, 30, or come in person to find what drilling block you are in, and begin to organize drilling block clubs at once, so you can get all property owners, your neighbors, to lease 100% to the man who is ready to drill the first well. If you are unable to come to the office, so advise, and lease hounds will come to your house with the lease for you to execute.

What You Will Get Out of It ---

In lieu of paying cash for your leases, we are giving you back a 1/16th over-ride royalty or minerals in addition to your regular 1/8th, in case you own all minerals, and this may be worth many times the amount of the small cash payment anyone could pay for the lease. It can be sold now or when activities begin or after well is brought in, or you may retain it along with the 1/8th and receive that much more mineral payments when well is producing in your block.

Be a Booster for Oil Development In Littlefield ---

Who will be the first to sign up a lease? Do not wait for your neighbor to sign, but bring him along with you and all sign together. We have only a short time to get the required lease acreage, according to the escrow agreement. Bring your property legal description to the office and the lease will be prepared for execution in a few minutes.

Let's all boost for oil development for Littlefield. C. J. Duggan or Hamp McCary will be in the office at all times — Regular business hours, noon hour or at night, with secretaries to take care of you when you come in. Call C. J. Duggan, 1095 or Hamp McCary, 30, for any information pertaining to the proposition, or for your drilling block number. Address: Hamp McCary & Son Real Estate, 334 Phelps Avenue, Littlefield.

Let's Get An Oil Well Drilled In Littlefield

C. J. DUGGAN
REPRESENTATIVE OF JOHN W. MURCHISON

(This Advertisement Paid for by John W. Murchison and C. J. Duggan)

THE LAMB COUNTY LEADER LEADS IN NEWS OF ALL THIS TERRITORY

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THE OIL DERRICK or THE OILY NEWS

By
C. J. Duggan

The Easter Parade and the Election has slowed down leasing this week and we must make up for lost time during the few days remaining before the dead line. So many Littlefield citizens went away over the week-end or had company, that they could or did not give attention to leasing their property to us, and, of course, the election kept many waiting and busy. Now that both of these important and necessary events are in the back ground, we MUST get more leases or we will not be able to acquire the necessary 700 acres for Mr. Murchison who is to drill the first deep test well in the city limits of Littlefield.

Most important item on the agenda this week is for those who have had us prepare their leases to come in and sign them. We just can't count them until they are in the bank, so PLEASE everybody who has leases prepared, come to our office and execute them, or phone and let us send a notary to your home. WE MUST have them executed before we can count on the acreage desired and needed, and, folks, every inch counts at this time. We need about 200 more acres and it takes a lot of lots to make that many acres. Those who have acreage tracts make the count go faster, but we take any size lot along with the acreage tracts.

We haven't heard of any more divorces in prospect, but there would never be a divorce even contemplated if all of the ladies would use the same philosophy and tactics as one prominent Littlefield matron who told us that she signed anything her husband wanted her to sign, for he was the one who made the money and she de-

pendent upon him for his better judgement in anything pertaining to business. Her husband has made a grand success in business, and many more would do the same if they had the full co-operation of the life mate. Now, I grant that there are some cases of where the wife has better judgement in some things than the husband, but the two should discuss any major project and move and agree upon it between themselves, and then co-operate, don't you think? Come on Folks, let's get together on this important question of whether or not you want a deep test well drilling in Littlefield. If you do, come in to our office and let us have the necessary information to prepare your oil lease, and then execute it on the spot. It requires only a few minutes to draw it up when we have all information as to legal description of your property, bank for rentals to be paid in, and just how the wife signs her maiden name to the instrument.

One fine business woman who was all mixed up on what she did and did not own, and whether or not she had purchased property with the oil or mineral reserved, said after we had straightened her out in it, and she owns a lot of property, "Well, if we don't get oil, at least I have my property straightened out." So, we can help you in many ways, and believe me, if and when we do ask for your abstract, we will bring it to date and straighten the title, at our expense, then give it back to you to keep. This will have to be done for many widows and those who have lost wife or husband who left no will to direct the affairs of the family. We will take your lease now, but will have to straighten out the situation and take new leases later when this is done. Let us help you with your title mix-ups, and you will be happy that you have done so.

If we had a few more citizens like the one and only W. P. (Pink) Johnson, we would have had all the leases required by this time. This good man who is confined to his home and wheel chair, uses the phone and gets us many leases, or he asks his guests to come in, and as a result, many have been influenced to sign-up their property. Many others who could use their legs and brains, don't use either, for they are not only NOT helping us, but they are knocking the proposition. Littlefield should have a

sign on the highways entering the town, giving the population and adding, We have 10,000 upright, prospective citizens, BUT we also have a few sore-heads and mossbacks". Such a sign is displayed at progressive town on the T&P Ry. west of Sweetwater. If you can't help, why don't you keep quiet and let those who will make Littlefield a bigger and better town in which to live. You get the advantage of progress, yet you hinder its development with your misrepresentations and false statements.

There are just too many to place on the Lessor Honor Roll this week, but we assure each and everyone who has executed their lease and let us place it in the Bank, that we appreciate your progressive spirit and co-operation. Many are going to cry too late: "O, I would have let you have my lease if you had to have it." If and when that morning comes the last day of the limited time in which to acquire the 700 acres, Mr. Murchison calls me by long distance and says: "Dug, go get my money (\$15,000) out of the bank and come home, we don't have to drill a well in Littlefield". You, who have not put in your lease, may well weep, for you will go down in Littlefield's history as the one who did not co-operate with your neighbors to get a deep test oil well drilled. Who can you blame then? Just perk up and come on in and let us prepare your lease, Please, and you won't have to weep later.

We hope that by the next issue of this paper and column, we can announce that we have the required 700 acres, and a well is to be spudded in at once. We can do this if you who have not let us have your leases come in and let us prepare them for execution. Will those who have already executed their leases come in to get your receipt from the bank. We just can't take all of them to you. They are ready for your possession. It will help us a lot if you will get them when you pass by the office—Hamp McCary's Real Estate office and our desk is in the rear office. Thanks and look for this column next week.

From A to Izzard Prairie Prosperity After 25 Years

Found a postal card on our desk yesterday.

"Why don't you write something about things outside of Amarillo? After all, your paper goes to a lot of different towns."

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All right.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO this summer we saw a town born.

We stood on the heat-hazy prairie a few miles northwest of Littlefield, down on the South Plains, and listened to some speeches, heard a band play, and ate a little barbecue.

The occasion was the staking out of the town of Anton, named for an official of the Santa Fe.

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We recall the event clearly, because it was our first excursion into the hinterland of the Panhandle after coming to Amarillo to work on The Globe.

Our assignment was not only to cover the occasion as a reporter, but also to help one of our circulation men distribute papers. After the ceremony, the two of us drifted through the crowd, passing out Globes. Most of the people had never heard of the paper. But they did know about The Daily News, which had been circulating on the South Plains for several years.

This, of course, was before The Globe and The News merged.

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The other day we drove through Anton on our way from Lubbock to Clovis. The site no longer is a heat-hazy prairie, but a cozy little community, tree-shaded, busy and prosperous.

In fact, we were considerably amazed at the evident prosperity of that entire string of cities between Lubbock and Clovis—of Littlefield, Amherst, Sudan, Muleshoe, Farwell and a few others.

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IT'S MOSTLY A COTTON COUNTRY—cotton and feed, with some wheat and livestock on the side. The crops look lush and the cities are bursting with business.

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If you haven't been down that way lately, take a day off and make the drive. Stop and talk to the people. You'll find them busy, proud and contented.

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Among scores of building projects in these communities is the new American Legion home in Muleshoe, which had its formal opening just last night.

E. N. Greer, the druggist, was telling us about it. Mr. Greer used to be in Amarillo, but he moved to Muleshoe, a few years ago, opened his own business, and is glad he did.

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It's great country down there. We're happy we got better acquainted with it.

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This and That

E. L. Shofner, the railroader, has called our attention to a misstatement that has appeared in the paper a couple of times. In stories about enlarging the city jail, our reporter has stated — and he says he got it from the grand jury report — that a bond issue for enlargement of the jail was defeated two years ago. There was no bond issue. The subject was included in the budget, but when the tax was eliminated, the fund was eliminated.

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land, 6,500; Lamesa, 5,000. Tahoka, 4,000, and O'Donnell, over 3,000.

ton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barton of Bertram.

with the post in the future.

been in for the past week, but is much improved.

Littlefield's First Christmas Was Community Affair

By C. J. DUGGAN

I arrived in Littlefield on the afternoon of December 5, 1912. My brother, Arthur P. Duggan, drove the old Buick car, and I had the job of opening the 21 gates between here and Lubbock. The railroad was not built at the time, and there was only one residence in Littlefield. It was occupied by the late B. F. Smith, and was located where Dr. W. H. Harris' home now stands.

The first night I slept on the ground in a tent located about 75 feet west of the company farm house, which is now occupied by J. J. Eagan. The townsite and land office of two rooms was being built on the site now occupied by the M System, at the southwest corner of Phelps avenue and Second street.

Lumber was being hauled for the erection of the Littlefield hotel. There was only one windmill, it being located at the company farm. About

100 feet north of the tent where I slept, was a one-room shack with a tent adjoining, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Burge and small daughter, Rebecca.

Community Christmas Dinner

There were five women in the entire community, and all agreed to put their dinners together for Christmas day. The dinner, which consisted of turkey and all the trimmings, was served in the Burge shack. There were twenty-two present for this sumptuous meal, including two babies and one old negro man. The only persons now living in Littlefield, who were present for this meal are Ben, Bob and Carl Smith, and their sisters, Mrs. Effie Wharton, Mrs. Laredo McKnight, and Mrs. Gladys James. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Duggan were in Lubbock for the day. After the meal we took kodak pictures, and a number of us went rabbit hunting through about six inches of snow.

That evening the three Hensley brothers, who were working on the Littlefield hotel, furnished violin, guitar and banjo music in the tent, where we all gathered.

There have been many happy Christmas days spent in Littlefield since that time, but none could compare with that first Christmas.

A short time after I arrived in Littlefield a house, what is now the two west rooms of the J. J. Eagan place, was moved to its present location from South Camp, 18 miles distant, making the second house for Littlefield. It was later occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Duggan and family. The first church service was held in this house. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Waggoner, Methodist pastor of near Redland, N. M.

The first Sunday school was organized and held in the Land Office, and church was also held there for

some time. The first public school was conducted in what is now J. E. Brannen's residence.

The first baby born in Littlefield was Inabelle Wharton, daughter of Mrs. Effie Wharton.

The townsite of Littlefield, part of the LFD ranch of 300,000 acres, was named after the owner, George W. Littlefield. The closest house to Littlefield at that time was the two-room unpainted box house, known as East Camp, located near where the concrete silos are situated now, about five miles southeast of town. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Clark and baby, Roscoe, now living in Lubbock, occupied this house, and they participated in Littlefield's first Christmas dinner.

This house has since been moved and is now occupied by C. O. Roberts. The closest farm was J. Frank Norfleet's, about 17 miles east of town.

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Postoffice Is Established

One of the first jobs I had when I arrived in Littlefield was circulating a petition for the establishment of a post office. The postoffice was located in the townsite land office for over three years, and then moved to the brick building now occupied by the Yellow House Land Co.

I served as postmaster for five years, until I resigned and entered the service during the World War. Mrs. V. V. White (now Mrs. T. P. Wright) served as the first assistant postmaster. The first mail sack was brought in by horse team from Bartonsite, about 25 miles due east of Littlefield, the carrier being paid for his services by public subscription. I was a "first class postmaster in a fourth class office," my friends said.

This postoffice, which was the only one between here and Lubbock, served a tremendous ranch country—easily 40 miles southwest and that far northwest of Littlefield.

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