

Rochester, Texas 79544 Thursday October 22, 1981



Ella Mosley

Mrs. Mosley Celebrates

Ninety Ninth Birthday

Mrs. Ella Mosley celebrated her 99th birthday Saturday, Oct. 17.

Attending the party was Mr. and Mrs. Gale Mosley

of Odessa, Mrs. Gary Mosely, from Odessa, Mr. Webb from Odessa. Her daughter-in-law made a beautiful cake that she had bought from Odessa that

said "Happy 99th Birthday Ella."

As one of the many gifts that Mrs. Mosley received was a birthday card from President Reagan.

Everyone had a fun time.

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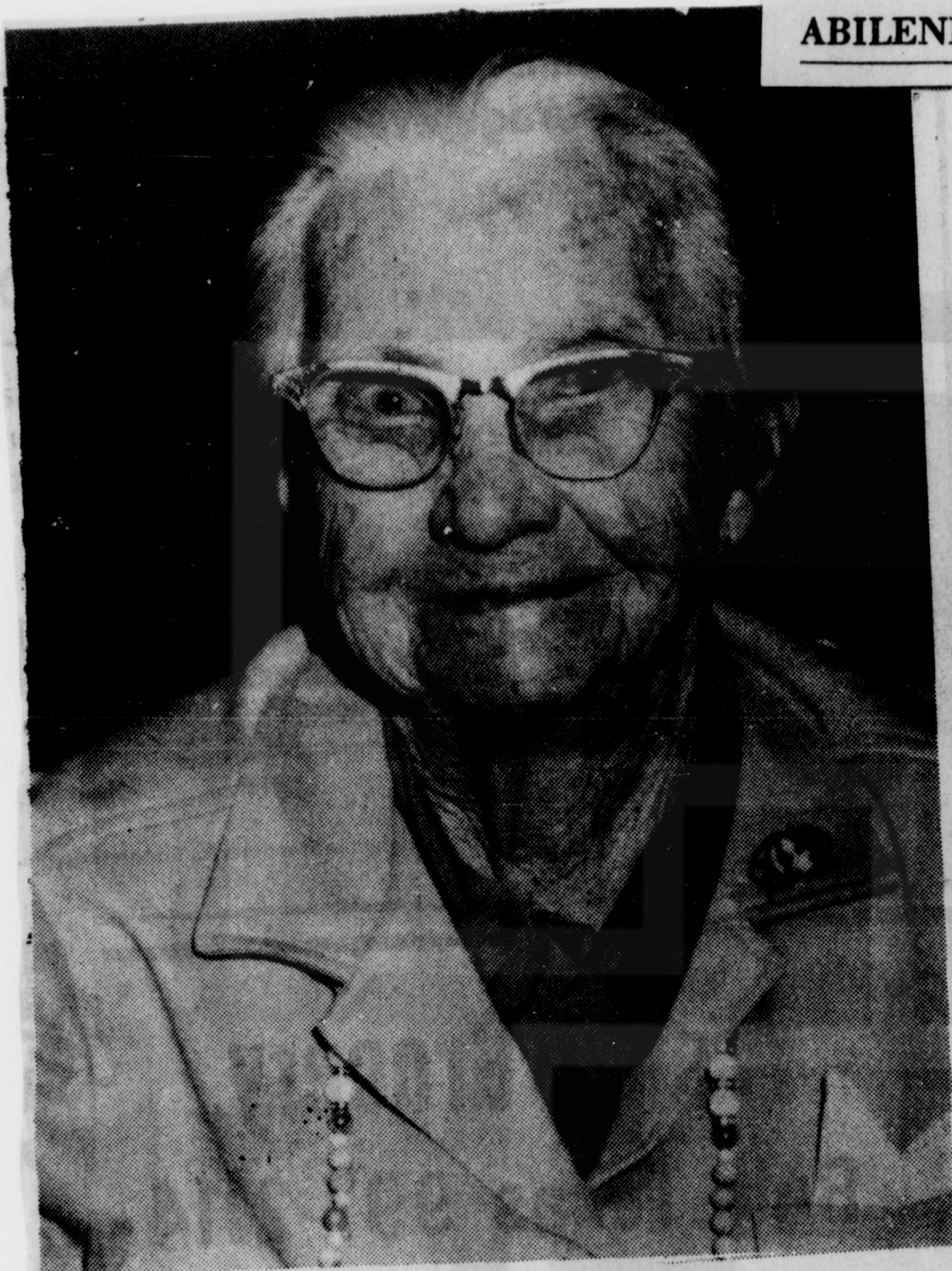
KNOX CITY — Ella Mosley, 105, died Wednesday at a local hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Church of Christ with Bill Burkham officiating. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery, directed by Smith Funeral Home.

Born in Wood County, she was a longtime Rochester resident and later moved to Knox City.

She was a homemaker, the widow of Ebb Mosley and a member of Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Dow Mosley of Andrews and Gale Mosley of Odessa; a daughter, Estelle Mosley of Huntsville; and two grandchildren.



Ella Mosley was honored by her family and friends on her 100th birthday, October 17, 1982

Ella Mosley Honored

Wilcox and Mike Wilcox. Members of Rule Drill Team and Rule's Drill Team twirlers will present a special routine during halftime activities.

103rd Birthday Celebrated.....

Ella Moseley, of Rochester, celebrated her 103rd birthday, Thursday, October 17, 1985.

Several birthdays were celebrated at the Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City last Thursday. Mrs. Moseley was the oldest to celebrate.

Cake and Punch were served to about 100 guests.

Woman to celebrate her 102nd birthday

KNOX CITY (RNS) — Up until about a month ago, when she "got a little too brave" and a "foolish stunt" put her in the Brazos Valley Care Home, Ella Moseley, who is 102 years old today, lived at home and took care of herself.

But being there doesn't seem to have slowed her down any, especially since the care home is honoring her with a birthday party Wednesday.

Born Oct. 17, 1882, in Wood County, Mrs. Moseley is the daughter of the late Alec and Tennie Fouse. She married Ed Moseley when she was 23 years old. He died in 1946.

She lived in Rochester for about 37 years, staying at her home alone, until an accident necessitated the move to the Knox City care home.

Doyle Graham, administrator at the care home, said Mrs. Moseley "takes care of all her business" and is active at the care home.

A member of the Rochester Church of Christ, Mrs. Moseley spent a good



Ella Moseley

part of her life taking care of sick people and "was just there when she was needed," Graham said. She said she had delivered several babies during her life, "if the doctor couldn't make it."



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Letters To The Editor

(EDITORS NOTE: The Haskell Free Press will publish letters to the Editor dealing with any subject. All letters must be signed but names will be withheld by request. All letters are subject to editing for length and liability.)

I am enclosing a picture which I thought your readers (especially your older ones) might be interested in. It is a picture of a dollhouse replica of the M. S. Shook home which was built in Haskell in 1906.

M. S. and Jennie Shook were my grandparents. I am the daughter of Marion (Man) Shook and Effie Nola Long Shook. Both the Shooks and Longs were pioneer citizens of Haskell. My granddaughter, Jennie Weidner, will be the second "Jennie" to be mistress of this house. My husband and I commissioned Mr. Harold Burgett of our

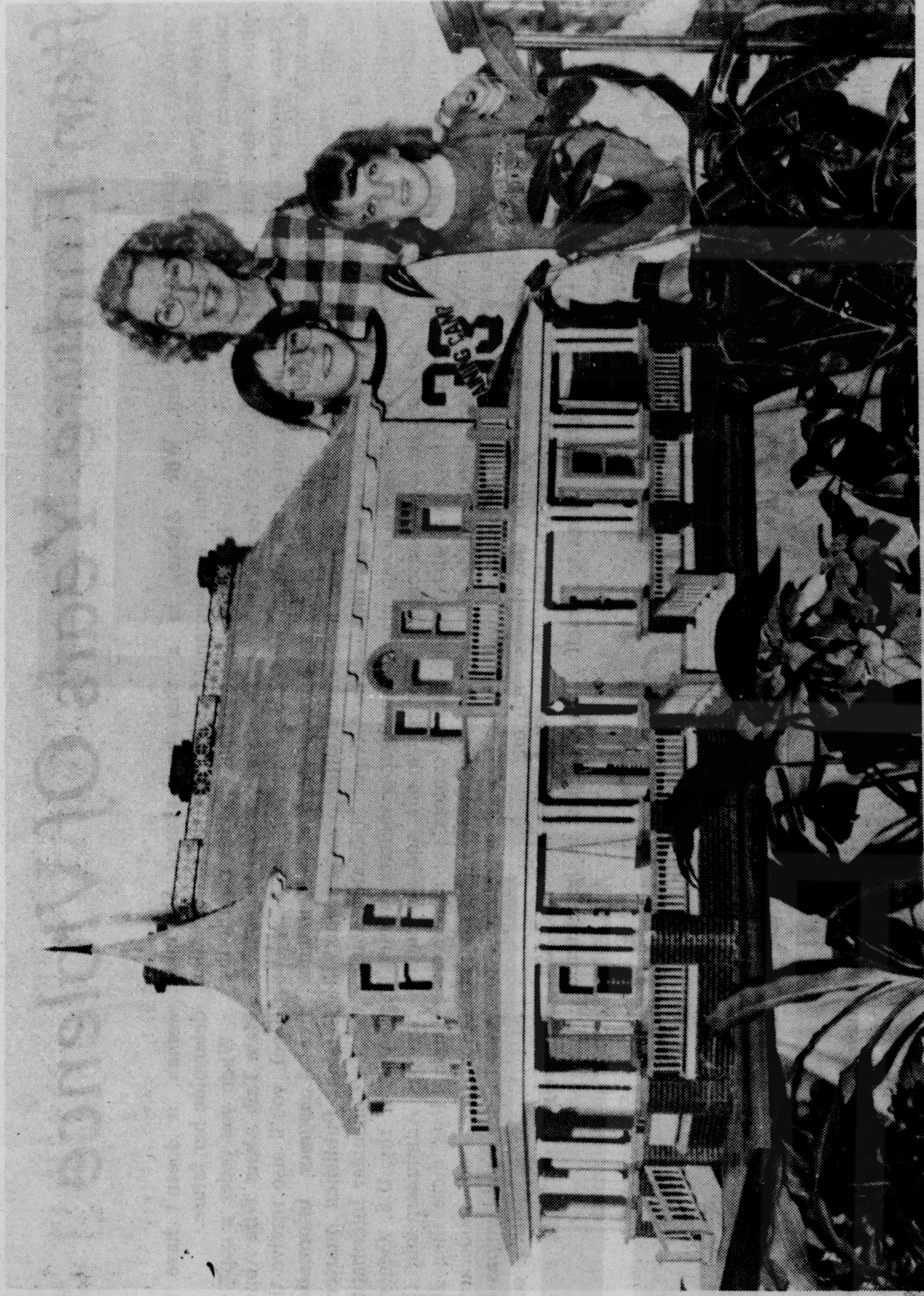
town, Gordon, to build the house which he did from some old snapshots and my memory and that of my aunt, Mildred Shook Green, who lives in Haskell at the present time. It turned out to be such a good reproduction that I told my husband one day as I stooped down and looked through the kitchen door and down the west porch toward the south, that I was sure I could see "Couch's house across the street"!

Many happy childhood memories are associated with my grandparents and this house (which I wanted preserved in some way), and with my other Haskell relatives who are no longer living, Una Shook King and Florence Shook Darden. Although we have lived away from Haskell for many years, my mother enjoys the **Free Press** each week, and still refers to Haskell as "our home".

Pictured are myself, Frances Shook Weidner, and my grandson and granddaughter, Chris and Jennie Weidner, who are great great grandchildren of the M. S. Shook's.

The original house was built by an architect from Norway. It was located on Avenue E just north of 16th Street.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alvin Weidner
P. O. Box 168
Gordon, Texas 76453



REPLICA OF M. S. SHOOK HOME

Knox City 80th Birthday

**Beauty Pageant -
Miss Mesquite -**

Sponsored by P and W Mesquite - Miss Mesquite will be selected Saturday morning and will receive some very nice prizes. For further entrant info contact Dave or Stacy Thompson, Knox City News. **Mesquite Cook-off -** This is an area for all you who think you can cook the best, the juiciest, the most mouthwatering meats using mesquite wood. Judging will take place Saturday morning. For further entrant info contact Dave or Stacy Thompson, Knox City News.

Cake baking and cake decorating - This area is open to anyone. The cakes will be judged Saturday morning at the Kennel in the City Park. The cakes will then be sold by the slice later in the day for everyone to enjoy. Contact Doug Stenberg for further entrant info. See a more detailed writeup elsewhere in this paper and next weeks paper.

Arts and crafts - The Chamber will be holding their annual Arts and Crafts Show at the Community Center this year. Entries are limited. Judging will take place Friday afternoon. The dis-

play will be open all day Saturday. All types of Arts and Crafts will be judged. Contact the Chamber for further entrant info.

Food - There will be a number of food and drink booths to cater to your appetite - hotdogs - hamburgers - pastry - Mexican Food - Brisket 'n Beans and whatever else!

Entertainment - There will be music most of the afternoon. Come and sit around and listen to home grown country - gospel by the Cornerstones from Lubbock and country from The Imitation Stats.

Gifts - There will be a registration booth set up for you to come and sign in. We want a record of everyone who came. There will be a certificate given for the person who comes from the farthest away. You can also buy a ticket to win a hindquarter of beef. You could put your name in the pot for different merchant prizes or for the drawings for \$100, \$50 or \$20. You must be present to win.

Auction - We will be auctioning off Knox City Commemorative

Belt Buckles. These buckles are of limited edition sets crafted in Sterling Silver, Gold and Silver and Bronze. They are numbered 1 - 5. The Number 1 Sterling - Gold and Silver - Bronze will be auctioned off as an unbroken set and bidding promises to be strong. The will NEVER be another set like this one. It is a one and only. Then Number 2 - Number 5 buckles in all three kinds will be auctioned off individually.

Trophies - At various times during the day, awards will be announced and given for parade floats, cakes, Miss Mesquite and the Mesquite Cook off.

Booths - Opening at 9:00 A.M. - The Jaycees are providing a free pool for the kids. There will be games and information and lots of fun.

Kids - Opening at 9:00 A.M.. The Jaycees are providing a free pool for the kids. There will be games and information and lots of fun all day just for them.

Knox City 80th Birthday
Sat.-June 30th
9p.m. - 1p.m.
Cake Contest Judging

June 30 1984

*Yesterday
People
in Love With Life
Pioneers*



*Egburt Charles &
Gladys Francis Bryant
Smith*

By Marsha Whittemore

"I have rode thousands of miles in a covered wagon and walked many a mile beside one," said E.C. Smith. "My daddy like to travel."

"I was born to Charles Henry and Sarah Vermilion Smith in Arkansas on January 3, 1905. We moved to Plainview, Texas. It had snowed six inches and my mother had to buy everyone a new coat. We all had on our new spring suits, not expecting the cold.

"My family went on to Hollis, Oklahoma and my dad filed on one-hundred and twenty acres of land. This was part of Oklahoma State. On the land between Hollis and Quanah, we lived in a half-dug-out. Later we built a two room house. One morning when I was about five, my mother went to get wood from the wood box, a rattle snake struck her in the forehead. Never broke the skin. She killed it with a peice of stove wood. They were all around. Frontier people didn't pay to much attention to them.

"We sold out our team in 1912 and moved to Victoria, County down on the coast of Texas. There uaddy got sick from poison they used on the cotton. We had to come back to Lueders, then moved to Hagerman, New Mexico in 1914.

We moved back on a farm west of Stamford, between Avoca and Swede Church. These years 1915 to 1918 were my growing up years."

We boys grew up and could work so the family

moved to Bonham and on to Ivanhoe near the Red River. One night an Indian came up where we made camp to steal our mules. My dad went out and we heard a shot. He wouldn't let us out to see. He hitched up the mules and we de all night."

We rented on the halves and worked our own team. Nobody made anything in this country," said Mr. Smith. "The times were hard."

"In 1919 we moved back and made a good crop by the Swede Church then we moved east of Stamford about two miles. In January I met Gladys Francis Brvant. Gladys was born May 10th, 1907 in Limestone County. Her folks came from Limestone County about 1919 and farmed on the Emmett Norman place.

"I was nineteen and she was sixteen years old. I had a new Model T Roadster. I slipped over one night and got her. We were married in Stamford and have been married fifty-seven years. A short time after Pauline and Slim Sorrells married they came up to Crosbyton. It was 1927 and jobs were hard to find. We gave them a room in our house. We picked cotton that fall and had a great time together."

"We had nine children, Wanda Townsend and Mary Anders of Rule. E.C., Catheryn were born in Crosbyton County. We



Arvie Loyd & Leota Bristow Pierce Sorrell

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by Marsha Whittemore

...I was born February 9, 1903 in Jones County near Roby. My father was Henry Jhent and my mother Mary Caroline Schoolcraft. To most people she was Aunt Mary Bristow. They were both wonderful christians. My dad taught us from the Bible and he could play the organ, so each of the five learned some of the organ," laughed Mrs. Sorrells.

I have three brothers John Allen Bristow of Abilene, Alvin Bristow of San Angelo, Riley Bristow of Gustine and one sister Effie Hatch of Phoenix, Arizona.

My parents moved on to the old Simpson place. I went to school at Tonk Creek by Sweethome Church until the new school was built at New Brandenburg, now Old Glory where I attended eleven years. A very painful time for me when I was seventeen, one of my

brothers had a new 22 target. He shot and it hit me going through my arm into my ribs. He ran a mile to the Simpsons to call Dr. Rogers. Under his daily care I was healed by God.

On the first of January 1921, Sweethome Church had a 'Get acquainted meeting. I met Almor West Pierce, born January 19, 1900, the son of Emery and Ella Means Pierce. We married the 9th of February 1921. We had

seven children, four girls and three sons. Nadine Alma Burk of San Marie, Cloma Allen born, July 23, 1923, we lost at the age of 3 1/2 years old. Carlton Travis of Old Glory, Billy Joe Muller of Rogers, Glen West of Old Glory, Ruthie Fay Hultman of Reseda, California and Patsy Nell Alexander of Rogers.

I'm richly blessed with seventeen great grandchildren and thirty three great grandchildren and one great great grandchildren

Ruthie finished school at old Glory. Carlton finished school in Service during WWII. Carlton and Glen both had to go overseas in WWII.

For twenty seven years I made my home with Mr. Pierce. Then after my home broke up I went to work for Bill and Velma Gann for a year. I answered an ad from Dr. Virginia Boyd of Abilene.

there I worked as a housekeeper for four and half years. I enjoyed my work with her very much.

Through Marie Brothers I met her brother Arvie Loyd Sorrells in February 1958. We married May 9, 1958. We moved to Center Plain and then to Wellington, Texas where we made our home for twenty-two years. Until Loyd's death August 1980.

On October 10, 1982 I returned and bought Slim

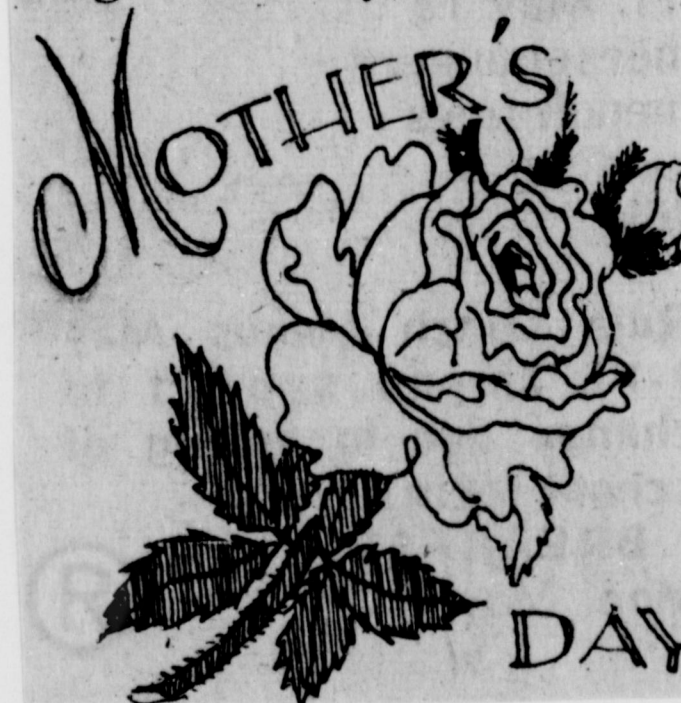
and Polly Sorrells house here in Rule. It is good to be here to finish out my life and return to Sweet-home Church.

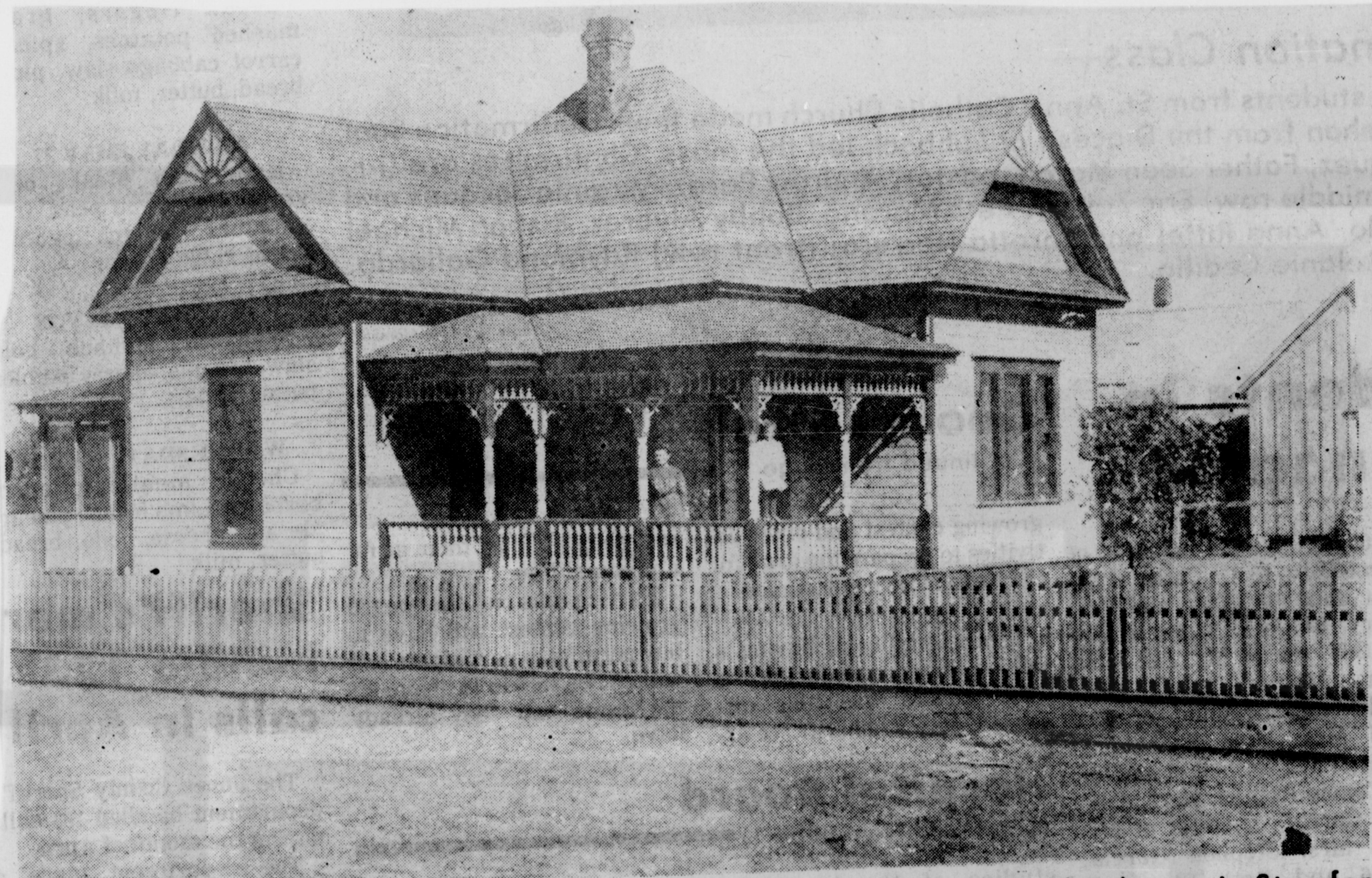
The most important part of my life is being blessed with six wonderful children. They are worth living for; and serving God has been my main purpose in life and to be a happy person.

I go to the Center at Haskell and am truly blessed each time I go. Loneliness is the one thing the older ones have in common and when every one comes together you're young again in friendship and love.

God has truly blessed us with this program and I hope it will always be around. Each one must walk this way and each one needs the love of their friends as well as their families.

My happy hours are early morning, I write letters and have my prayer time. As the sun comes up I go out and see my flowers and hear the birds sing. I'm truly blessed.





This house built by A.C. Johnson in 1905 is the oldest continuously lived in house in Stamford.

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Stamford home may be included in national list

What can be over 80 years old, having moved only one block in that time, but remain in the same place all that time?

How about the oldest house in Stamford, built in 1905 on 523 N. Swenson, now located as 501 N. Swenson, the same place in which it has stood for the past 80 years.

A.C. Johnson, who first came to Jones County in 1882 with his parents, opened a drug store with his brother, W.B. Johnson, in 1902. In later years he sold subscriptions for the *American*.

He married Miss Emma Whitfield in 1904, and they made their home at 523 N. Swenson, where he had had the house built for his new

wife. They lived there continuously until his death many years ago. Their daughter, Mary Olivia Johnson Williamson, was born and reared there and lived there until her death in 1984.

The house, now owned by Rupert Williamson, is being considered for nomination to

the National Register of Historic Places by the State Board of Review of Historic Resources of Stamford.

The house was recently repainted by the Stamford organization, SATUP, as part of the community-wide cleanup project.

Ninety Year Olds Honored At ECC

Reception October 7

The Haskell County affair. The honored guests were citizens, ninety years and over, were honored with a reception Sunday, October 7th. The reception was hosted by members of the Experienced Citizens Center with over 180 attending the gala Haskell County's towns; and



OVER 90 HONOREES

Shown left is Mrs. Angie Mullino, who was 94 on her birthday which was October 4, and right is Mrs. Alice Denson, 96, who celebrated her birthday October 11. They were honored at a reception held at the Experienced Citizens Center for all Haskell residents over 90 years of age.

cities as far west as Odessa and as far east as Ft. Worth.

The program began with prayer by John Greeson, pastor of the Church of Christ in Rule. Mrs. Mona Gibson, Old Glory, lead everyone in the singing of "America." The national colors of red, white, and blue; representing our country's patriotic beginning, were displayed throughout the center. Each family was seated at their individual table.

The honored guest's name was called, then a family member would come fourth and recite a short history of the family. A pink carnation corsage, for the ladies, or a red carnation, for the men, was presented to the family representative. On returning to their respective table they pinned the corsage on the honored guest. At this time pictures of the family and friends were taken by Hess

Hartsfield. (Mr. Hartsfield, later, presented each family with a 3/5 framed snapshot.)

The two oldest Haskell County born survivors were introduced. Mrs. Angie Mullino of Haskell, born October 4, 1890, was introduced by one of her sons Bud Herren. He introduced the family and told of the love and friendship that the two women held for each other.

Mrs. Alice Denson of Sagerton, born October 11, 1888, was introduced by her daughter, Mrs. Juanita Rhea. Mrs. Denson the oldest born survivor of Haskell County ended the program with the reciting of the poem "Stealing the Green Watermelon." Mrs. Denson had learned the poem long ago in school and still remembered it well.

Red punch and cookies were served by the volunteers to guest. The guests went around to each table signing a

guest book provided by the family. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and meeting again with old friends and families. We wish to thank all of the ones who helped and partici-

Rochester *and* Rule

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*George Washington &
Bessie Lee Henshaw*

Piland

By Marsha Whittemore

"I was born in Bell County close to Temple, Texas, on June 19, 1985 to George Washington Henshaw and Callie Rebecca Doan Hartline. I was the fourth daughter of seven children.

We came to Haskell County in 1906 in covered wagons. There were mama and papa, my brother, Jim Henshaw, wife and her son, Jack Speer. Two sisters, Willie and her husband, Jim Rose; Ida and her husband Josh, each had two wagons except my brother Jim.

We all settled east of Haskell in the Rose Community named from Jim Rose, my brother-in-law. We worked in the fields, mostly picked cotton.

George Henshaw, my father donated land for the Friendship Baptist Church.

When I was batized, there were sixteen of us baptizd in my papa's tank.

I met George Washington Piland while he worked for papa. He was born in Thornfield, Missouri to Samuel Everett and Sara

McGhee Piland on February 4, 1881. He and Papa had the same first names.

We married in my

papa's house July 16, 1911. A very small wedding was planned, but when word got around the house was full. Everyone came to the wedding. I was sixteen and George was Twenty three.

We had four daughters and four sons. Grady Winford, Berniece Norman, Maggie Lee Melton, Spurgeon Truett, Marion Clifford, Otis Edwin, Dora Marie Bartley, Maybelle Benton.

All our sons were in services during World War II. Two went overseas and two stayed over here. When they were small I dressed them in white starched shirts and overalls. They tell me their cloths were to stiff, laughed Mrs. Piland.

The Piland moved to Abilene after the first son was born in 1919. George Piland attended Seminary at Simmons College, now Harden-Simmons University. He became a circuit preacher for the Baptist

Ministry. He traveled by horseback and by buggy. He made his living by hauling wood and delivering cream. His boys farmed the homeplace.

The winters and hot summers took their toll on his health over the years and he lost his voice to preach. In 1958 he was appointed Justice of Peace Precinct I of Haskell, Texas, to finish Eal Treadwell term. In September 1965 he died.

"My mother, Callie Henshaw, lived with me seven years after my husband passed away. They both are buried here at Haskell," said Mrs. Piland.

The past eighteen years the families have gathered at her daughter's, Mrs. John Bartley, to celebrate her birthday. This nineteenth of June, she will enjoy her 87th.

"I worked hard all my life and I took my children to church. We used to ride the buggy to church.

We gain our strength and faith from Our Lord. Without it we could not make it through hard times. We would not know the peace of his Comfort."