

THE JACKSBORO GAZETTE

OCTOBER 1, 1936

Mrs. M. A. Board Passes Away at Newport

Mrs. M. A. Board of Newport, born March 13, 1868, in Murray Cuntty, Tenn., died Friday, September 18th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. B. Wall. Funeral services were held at the Newprt church, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. R. L. Patterson, long-time friend of the deceased and family, conducting the funeral. He was assisted by Rev. Jesse Hughes, pastor of the Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Board was a member. Burial took place in the Truce cemetery by the side of her husband who preceded her in death four years ago. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. F. B. Wall of Newport; Mrs. G. J. Lindley of Fort Worth; Mrs. E. M. Woolsey of Jacksboro; Mrs. Oliver Roy of Holliday; one son, Earl Board of Chico; one sister, Mrs. Robert Dove of Truce; three brothers, G. H. Whitaker of Hereford, Pete Whitaker of Cundiff, and John Whitaker of Jacksboro.

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AUGUST 20, 1936

Mrs. S. O. Callahan Passes Away

Early Tuesday morning, August 18th, Mrs. S. O. Callahan passed away at her home in Jacksboro.

Minna Sophia von Specht was born in 1862 at Fredericksburg, and was educated there in a convent. Her parents were from Brunswick, Germany, and she spoke the German language until eighteen years of age, when she with her mother and sister, who afterward became Mrs. T. F. Horton, came to make their home at Jacksboro. In 1880 she was married to Simeon Oslin Callahan, and they have continued to reside in Jacksboro.

Besides Mr. Callahan, she is survived by five daughters and one son, Mrs. O. M. Simpson and Mrs. J. B. McMahan of Wichita Falls; Mrs. C. A. Stewart, Jacksboro; Mrs. F. A. Farmere, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. S. M. Semple, Houston; S. O. Callahan, Jr., of Amarillo. The son and all of the daughters, with their families, were with their mother at the last and at the funeral. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Matilda Bolsched of Fredericksburg.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist Church of which she was a member, by Rev. S. P. Farler of Leonard, and T. R. Osborn of Wichita Falls. The favorite hymns of Mrs. Callahan were "The Perfect Day," which was sung by Mrs. R. L. Gwaltney, and "In the Garden," sung by Mmes. C. A. Worthington and R. L. Gwaltney, and Mr. Lewis Johnson.

Members of the Fire Department, of which Mr. Callahan has been chief since its organization, served as pallbearers. Interment took place at Oakwood cemetery. A host of out of town people attended the funeral.

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— APRIL 9, 1936 —

W. R. Christian

W. R. Christian, age 82, passed away Monday, April 6th. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Stout of Perrin, assisted by the Masonic order, at the Methodist Church here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Christian was born in Birmingham, Ala., and 64 years ago rode a buffalo wagon from there to Graham. He lived, until a few years ago, at Vineyard, when he moved with his family to Jacksboro.

The deceased is survived by his wife and seven children: Mrs. Sullin and Luther, Vera; Delbert, Vineyard; Mrs. Glenn Hartman, Pampa; Miss Myrtle, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Claude Gregg, and Miss Mabel, Jacksboro, all of whom with their families were present at the funeral.

Among other out of town people here for the funeral were: Mrs. W. E. Potts, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Jenkins, Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. John Jones and daughter, Blair, Okla.; Mrs. P. L. Hoffman, Pampa; Mr. Stapleton, Tyler; Ruth Sullins, Denton.



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JANUARY 16, 1936

Miss Irene Cone Dies of Injuries Resulting From Auto Accident

Miss Irene Cone died January 7th, from injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred near Pampa December 29th.

Miss Cone was a teacher in the Jermyn school where she had been a member of the faculty since 1928. She was well known and liked over the county. She is survived by several brothers and other relatives.

OCTOBER 15, 1936

Tuesday, Four of Bryson Family

Victims of Auto-Truck Crash

On Tuesday morning of this week, a collision of an automobile and truck occurred on the highway eight miles this side of Graham from which three deaths have resulted. In the wreck were Mrs. Tom Chafin, 45, of Bryson, and her three children, Doris, age 11, Bonnie Sue, age 8, and Bobbie Stewart, age 4; Miss Viola Lester, age 23, of Jacksboro, and W. R. Weinert, of Haskell County.

Little Bonnie Sue Chafin died Tuesday afternoon; Mrs. Chafin died Wednesday morning at 7:00, and Miss Lester died at 10:40 the same morning.

Doris Chafin was badly cut and bruised and perhaps injured internally, but attendants said she may recover. Bobbie Stewart Chafin suffered only bruises and a cut on the head and his condition is not considered serious. Mr. Weinert suffered broken bones in the region of his right shoulder and side, and a bad injury to his head and right hand.

All the injured were rushed to the Graham hospital, being taken by passing motorists.

The accident occurred when the car driven by Mrs. Chafin, carrying Miss Lester and Mrs. Chafin's three children, met a cattle truck driven by Mr. Weinert. They met on a hill where a second truck was parked beside the road.

Witnesses declared that the movements of Mrs. Chafin's car and Mr. Weinert's truck indicated that each driver tried to pass the other and each time one turned the other turned in the same direction.

Miss Viola Lester was the daughter of Mr. Burley Lester, living north of Jacksboro, and a sister of Darrell Lester, former football star on the T. C. U. team. Funeral services for her will be held this afternoon at Round Mountain where burial will take place.

Mrs. Chafin has been living at Bryson since 1929, having come there with her husband who is connected with oil interests.

Mrs. Chafin and little daughter will be buried this afternoon at Bryson.

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JACKSBORO, TEXAS, THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1936

Restoration of Fort Richardson

Back in July, 1935, application was made to the Texas Centennial Commission of Control that old Fort Richardson here in the Jacksboro city limits be included in its plans for restoring points of historical interest as a part of the Texas Centennial being celebrated this year. The State Centennial Board appointed the Jack County Centennial Advisory Committee consisting of Lewis Johnson as chairman, Mrs. E. C. Richards and E. L. Douglass of Jacksboro, and G. F. Wimberly of Perrin, with later additions of Mayor W. H. Breech, Dr. C. E. Putnam, president of the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce, and E. C. Richards and Kirk Stewart of the Lions Club. Under its sponsorship and aided and assisted by representatives of the Jack County Commissioners' Court, and some ten or twelve other civic clubs and local organizations, delegations were sent to various meetings at Austin and elsewhere during all of the past months in the interest of this projected restoration. Many difficulties were met and great rolls of governmental red tape had to be unwound before the consummation has been assured. Even an auto trip was made by Judge John P. Simpson, Kyle Spiller and E. C. Richards back to Alabama to negotiate with the Foscoe Estate for the purchase of the site.

Back in the fall months, the State Committee allocated \$12,500 for the purchase of the site and for the work of restoration. Legal condemnation proceedings were had in the County Court of this county under the law permitting condemnation of privately owned property for public park purposes, by which title thereto was vested in the City of Jacksboro on payment of the \$4,000.00 appraisal. At that time questions of jurisdiction and control of the Centennial funds arose between the State and the Federal Board as to all of such restoration projects for Texas. Judge Simpson, acting as advisor to the local committee, was given the task of directing the program during the past several months. He has been

mitted, was given the task of directing the program during the past several months. He has been untiring in his efforts and consummate in his skill in this matter. He made many trips to Austin, Dallas and Fort Worth and to him is due much credit for the success which is now in prospect. Valuable assistance was rendered Judge Simpson and the local committee by Jack County's two members of the Legislature, Senator Grady Woodruff of Decatur and Representative R. C. Lanning of Jacksboro. Only last week, the first installment namely that for the \$4,000.00 for payment of the court's condemnation judgment was received, and the title to the land was vested in the city.

Early in the proceedings, another allotment of \$18,000.00 additional was made out of the WPA funds through Dean Geo. L. Dickey's committee at Fort Worth for this district. In as much as WPA funds and labor have been varying badly from allotments all over the state, the amount to be realized out of this \$18,000.00 is uncertain and its use restricted.

Terrill Isbell was recommended by the local committee as engineer and supervisor, and his employment was recently announced by the State Committee at Austin. Working under direction of the local advisory committee, Isbell is now making a survey of the property and compiling estimates of the cost of preserving and restoring the old buildings on the fort site. When such reports have been made and approved at Austin, bids will be sought and actual work be started by the contractors with the hopes that the property can be in good shape during the Centennial months. After that the fort site of some 40 odd acres will be owned and controlled by the City of Jacksboro and be locally managed and operated as a public park. Plans are being discussed looking to the permanent use of the fort

Has Started

as a community center for Jacksboro and Jack County.

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APRIL 16, 1936

W. M. Harper Dies

W. M. Harper died at his home in the Cooper community, Thursday, April 9th, and was buried Saturday, April 11th. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. R. Bilberry, assisted by Rawlins Cherryhomes who read the Twenty-Third Psalm and sang a solo.

Mr. Harper was born at Pilot Point, Texas, in 1879. He, with his parents, lived for some time in Oklahoma, and after his father's death came with his mother and family to Jacksboro some 35 years ago.

Members of his and his wife's families had planned to meet here in a re-union when the sudden death came to Mr. Harper due to heart attack.

The deceased is survived by Mrs. Harper, three daughters, Mrs. Wm. Boyd, Mrs. A. Middlebrooks, Miss Polly Harper and son, William Harper; his mother, Mrs. Maggie Harper; three sisters, Mrs. E. P. Cowling of Bridgeport; Mrs. J. A. Gowdy of Archer City, and Mrs. Lee O. Gowdy, and one brother, Pat C. Harper of California, all of whom with their families were present at the funeral.

Others out of the county who were here for the funeral were Mrs. Fisher and two children of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Maricle, daughter and daughter-in-law of Wichita Falls, Claude Harrison and family of Olney, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Smith, Mrs. J. R. Harper, son and daughter-in-law of Altus, Okla.; Mrs. Snead of Bridgeport, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Slack of Olton, Lora Lee Gowdy, Lubbock; Mary Lois Gowdy, Austin, and M. C. Ledbetter, Waco.

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JACKSBORO, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1936

Death of M. F. Koger

Millard Fillmore Koger was born in Overton County, Tennessee, June 17, 1855. In 1875 he was married to Sally Newberry. Two children were born to them in Tennessee and three in Texas.

Forty-eight years ago Mr. Koger brought his family to Texas and settled in Llano County for two years. After that time he came to Wise County and settled near Gibtown. Thirty-one years ago he came to Jack County, settling five miles northeast of Jacksboro where he took up stock-farming as an occupation and lived there until he died June 17th, 1936.

Two children survive Mr. Koger, Mrs. J. C. Gunter of Jacksboro, and Cy Koger of Claremore, Okla. Other survivors are thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sewell Families Attend Funeral of Relative at Wichita Falls

The Sewell families attended the funeral of Dan Cox of Wichita Falls, last Thursday afternoon. The deceased was the son of Judge and Mrs. P. B. Cox. Mrs. Cox is a sister of D. R., E. A., and the late Ed Sewell.

At the time of his death, Dan Cox was a student at A. & M. College, and was out picnicking, when one of the small children wanted to go in swimming. He consented and had the child on his shoulder when he stepped in a hole and unable to gain his balance was caught in the overflowing streams of the Brazos, and both young Cox and the child were drowned. A search was carried on for three days. The body of Cox was finally located by airplane about fifty yards from the place of drowning and that of the child five miles down the river.

Survivors are the parents and three brothers, one employed by the Resettlement Division, one an officer in the Aviation Corps and the other a student in the Wichita Junior College, and a large number of other relatives.



Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Miller Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. Ellis N. Miller and wife, formerly Miss Georgia Thrower, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 18th, 1936, at the First Baptist Church. The ceremony was read by Rev. A. R. Bilberry; the opening and closing prayers were offered by Rev. D. M. Denison and Rev. W. W. Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were united in marriage in Lee County, Mississippi, on Nov. 18th, 1886, by Rev. W. L. Skinner. They moved to Texas in 1893.

The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Miller; Mrs. Wm. Q. Miller was in charge of the guest book, and Mrs. N. E. Buster presided at the table containing the wedding cake. The cake, splendid in gold and white decorations, was cut by the bride of fifty years, who was beautifully dressed in black lace-trimmed crepe with a corsage of golden rosebuds. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buster, assisted by others, served an ice course, the color scheme of gold and white being carried throughout.

The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, with their wives and husbands were here for the celebration—namely Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buster of Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Buster, with their daughter, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Miller also of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Q. Miller, and their son, Wm. Frank, of Perrin.

Out of town guests included Rev. and Mrs. W. W. NeSmith of Bridgeport; Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Denison, Boonville; Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Robbins, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. McQueary, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson, Mrs. J. B. Middleton, Mr. G. F. Wimberly, Perrin; Mrs. J. R. Reynolds, Mrs. N. B. Reynolds, Mrs. Emma Fondren, Mrs. G. N. Buster, Miss Helen Conner, Fort Worth; Mrs. J. G. Goodloe, Poolville. There were twenty-eight Jacksboro guests.

The invitation read as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Miller request the pleasure of your presence at the celebration of their Golden Wedding on Wednesday, November the eighteenth from two to five, First Baptist Church, Jacksboro, Texas.

"1886. 1936."

Many congratulations were received and best wishes extended for many more happy years to come.

Dinner was served at the home to several guests and members of the family.

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JACKSBORO, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1936

J. W. (Bud) Rains

The subject of this sketch was born August 9th, 1864, in Rains County, Texas; came to Jack County and settled west of Jacksboro. He was married to Miss Dainie Tinney Dec. 24th, 1886. To this union were born four children, two boys and two girls, the two boys having preceded their parents in death, in infancy.

Mr. Rains professed faith in Christ in 1930 and united with the Methodist Church at Jacksboro, and remained a member of that organization until his death, which came Dec. 14th, 1936, at his home three miles west of Jacksboro where he had lived for the past forty-one years.

He was engaged in the cattle business practically all his life, being one of the most prominent cattle men in this section of the country.

Mr. Rains was an inspiration to many young men, speaking words of encouragement and thus helping them along life's way.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dania Rains, two daughters, Mrs. Fred Boruff and Mrs. Beulah Ferguson of Jacksboro; three grandsons, Rains and Robert Boruff and L. Lenor Ferguson; one sister, Mrs. Cordie Enyart of Pecos, Texas, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He has gone on and we were left behind. We can not understand, we can only stand by the mound in the cemetery and long for the touch of the vanished hand that can never come back to us; but we can go to him. Oh, blessed thought!

Funeral services were conducted at the Thompson Funeral Home by the pastor of the Methodist Church at Jacksboro, and Willie Oliver of Chico, the latter being an old-time friend of the family. Interment took place in Oakwood cemetery.

Those attending the funeral from elsewhere were Pat Boruff and wife, Mrs. Neetie M. Boruff, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mann, all of Wichita Falls; E. L. Brandenburg, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Harbert, Mrs. Wallace Harbert, Mrs. Ben Qualls, all of Benjamin; Joe Tinney of Haskell; T. J. Tinney and family of Alvord; G. H. Tinney of Bowie.

Fire Destroys Pioneer Residence.

In the fall of 1898 Mr. W. A. Shown and Mr. Stewart Castleberry, partners in all business transactions, built two homes in the southwestern part of Jacksboro, within the city limits. The homes were built by one plan and the same design. Their families were then moved here from Wise County. For thirty-eight years this residence has sheltered numbers of families, until Friday, Christmas morning, after Santa Claus had made his annual visit to the home on the south, now known as the Bud Sewell home, a cloud of gray dusty smoke was noticed issuing out from the northwestern corner of the attic. The fire alarm was given and faithful firemen, friends and neighbors went into the burning building and saved practically everything except a china closet of dishes, two bedsteads and a few other items of less importance.

Mrs. Sewell who had been ill for some time was removed from the home on a mattress and was taken to the home of her brother, J. H. Shown of this city, for the present time. As yet there is no definite plan made by the family.

We, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sewell, and daughters, Mrs. R. D. Whitaker and Mrs. L. S. Yates, wish to thank each fireman and friend for the splendid help in removing the contents of the home. We realize it was impossible under the present water force equipment to save our home. We want to say again that we not only thank the firemen but our friends and neighbors who worked so diligently in saving our household goods and may God bless each and everyone of you.

Clifton Franklin Dies From Gun

Shot Wound

Clifton Franklin, age 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira D. Franklin, was found Wednesday afternoon, about a half-mile out on the Post Oak road, wounded in the head. His body was on the ground and his feet on the running board of the car.

It seems that he was stepping from the car when the 22-target which he was carrying, went off. When found he was brought into town, dying on the way.

He was employed at the Rhoades Service Station on South Main Street. He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Franklin of Barton Chapel, a member of the local National Guard and an ex-student of the Jacksboro high school. He is survived by his parents and five sisters.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church this afternoon, with interment following in Oakwood cemetery.

Clifton has always been considered a splendid young man and a good worker. Friends extend sincere sympathy to the family.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1936

W. L. Sewell Dead

W. L. Sewell died about seven o'clock, Saturday morning, April 11th, 1936, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Phenix. He was born Aug. 29, 1875, in Overton County, Tenn. When nine years old he came to Boyd, Texas, living there about nine years when the family moved to Alvord. On Feb. 20th, 1898, he was married to Miss Ella Phenix, near Alvord, where they lived until six years ago when they went to Clovis, N. M., living there four years. The last two years they have made their home at Jacksboro. In 1909 he became a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and was a faithful member until death claimed him.

Survivors are Mrs. Sewell; three brothers, O. H. Sewell, Oklahoma City; M. C. Sewell, Pawnee, Okla.; C. W. Sewell, Arkansas City, Kansas; one sister, Mrs. Barney Vale of Syracuse, Kansas. All of the brothers visited him the week of his death.

The funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon, of April 12th, by Rev. NeSmith of Bridgeport, and interment was in Winn Hill cemetery.

Out of county people here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sewell, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Warren and daughters, Eva and Fern, and a niece, Miss Vera Phenix, of Clovis, N. M.; Mrs. Dona Cobb and daughter, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cobb and children of Decatur.

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JULY 23, 1936

Revenue Stamps On Deeds—Deputy Collector Here

M. M. Rudd, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue of the Second Texas District has during the week of July 20th-25th inclusive been making examination of the Deed Records of Jack County, Jacksboro, Texas, for the purpose of collecting the delinquent taxes due on deeds filed for record for the period June 21, 1932 to July 25, 1936.

Investigation discloses that numerous taxpayers have failed to affix and cancel the necessary documentary stamps to deeds filed for record during this period. In the majority of cases the taxpayers were unaware any tax was due and due to this fact no penalty is being inserted for this delinquency.

The act requires that the person who makes, signs, or issues any instrument taxable thereunder shall affix and cancel the revenue stamps. It also prohibits any person from accepting such instruments unless they are properly stamped. The tax rate thereon at the time of sale exceeds \$100.00 and does not exceed \$500.00, 50 cents; and for each additional \$500.00 or fractional part thereof, 50 cents.

At the time a deed is filed for record the necessary stamps should be affixed and cancelled but if they are not the County Clerk under the law must file same for record and he or his office is not responsible for this being done.

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APRIL 30, 1936

Mrs. Hattie E. Worley Dies

Mrs. Hattie E. Worley, age 62, wife of the late John B. Worley, died Monday, April 27th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Briscoe, in Graford, after a lingering illness, she having suffered a stroke of paralysis six weeks ago.

Mrs. Worley was well known here, having served four terms as county clerk.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. R. Bilberry of Jacksboro and Rev. W. H. McQueary of Perrin, at the First Baptist Church at Graford, and interment was at Perrin by the side of her husband.

Honorary pall bearers were Messrs. Kyle Spiller, J. P. Simpson, J. H. Walters, Jno. D. McComb, Guy Morgan, H. C. McClure, C. O. Hess, of Jacksboro; Bob Heath and W. F. Middleton of Perrin; Tom Turnbow of Gibtown.

Mrs. Worley is survived by seven daughters, Mrs. F. K. Hattel Harlingen; Mrs. Ben Watkins, Decatur; Mrs. F. Briscoe, Graford; Mrs. Corine Reynolds, Alpine; Mrs. Ernest Pruitt, Olney; Mrs. Prima Mills and Mrs. Eugene Harris of Hereford, Ariz.; five sons, E. O. and Sidney, Okla.; John and David of New York, and Roy of San Marcus; three brothers, Ripley of Dallas; Robert and Porter of Amarillo; two sisters, Mrs. Cora Buster of Abilene, and Mrs. Leona Hayes of Fort Worth.