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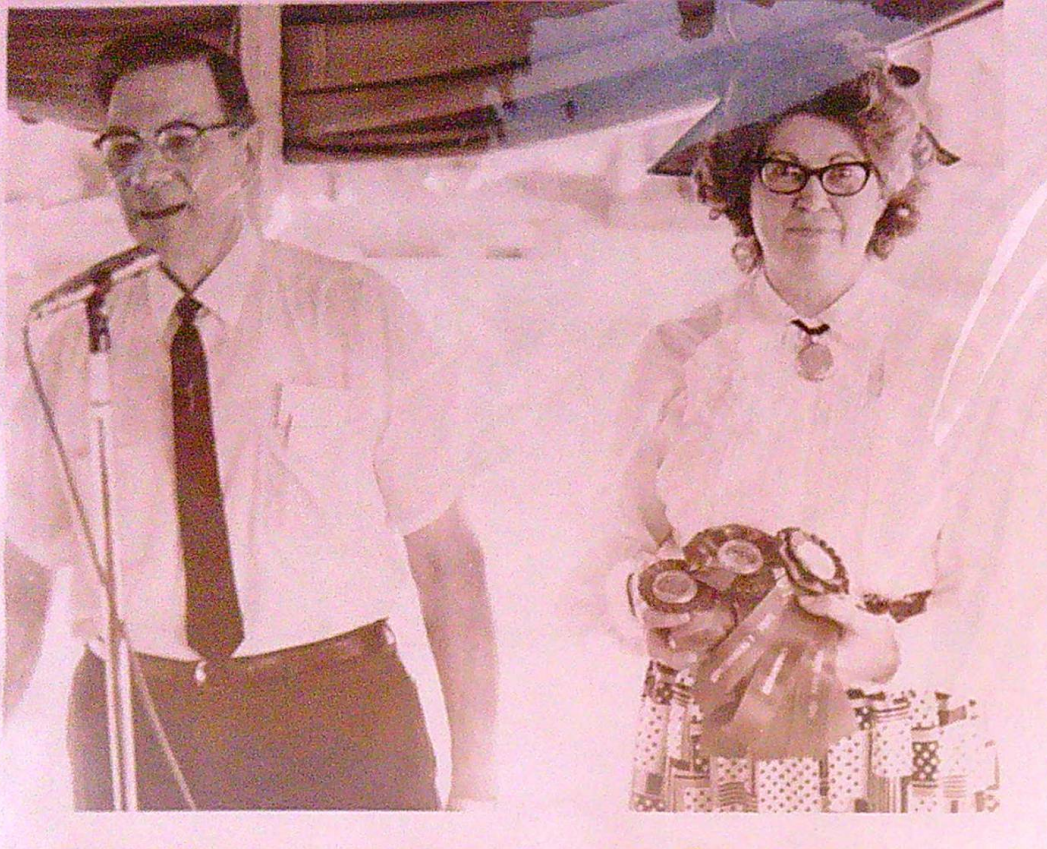
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Caney Valley Historical Society





Orley Hermon auctions  
Culinary entries. Virginia's  
loaf of homemade bread  
sold for \$17.00

Virginia and her  
Culinary Prize Ribbons

The happiest girl in Caney Tuesday was Joan Harvey, who with her sister, Virginia Sutterby, exhibited some of their culinary skills at the food show. Joan won two blue ribbons--the only ones she ever had received, and she was thrilled.

Virginia won the grand championship--and husband Lee grumbled after dining in cafes three consecutive days after the awards: "One grand prize and she retires!"



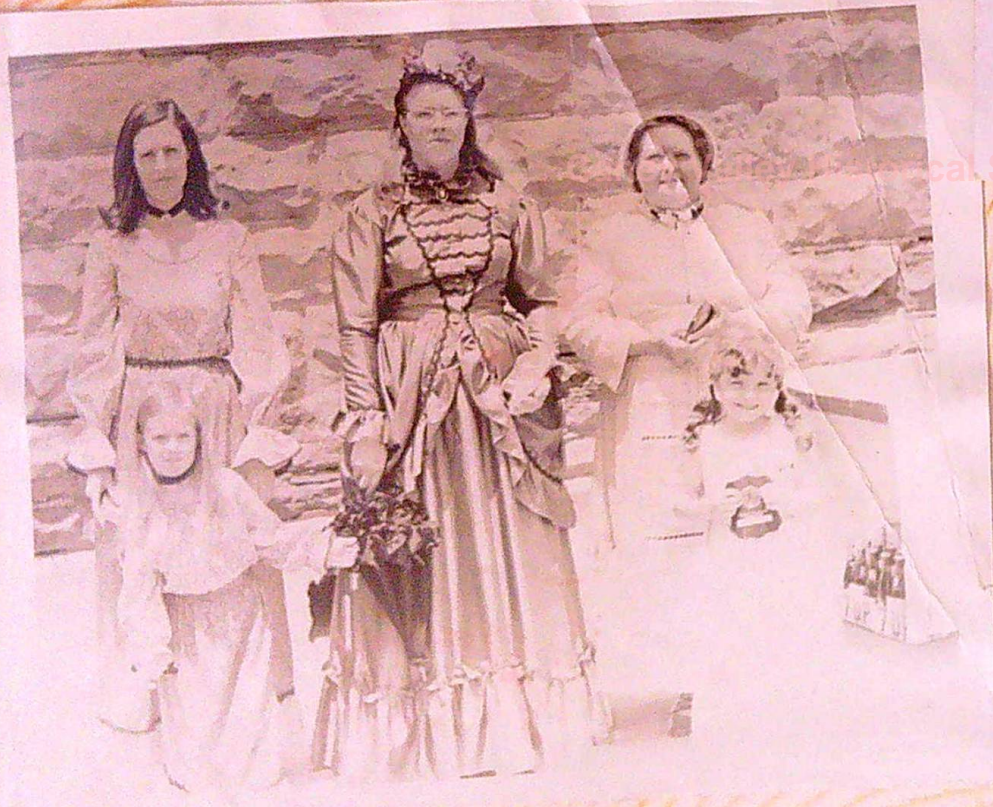
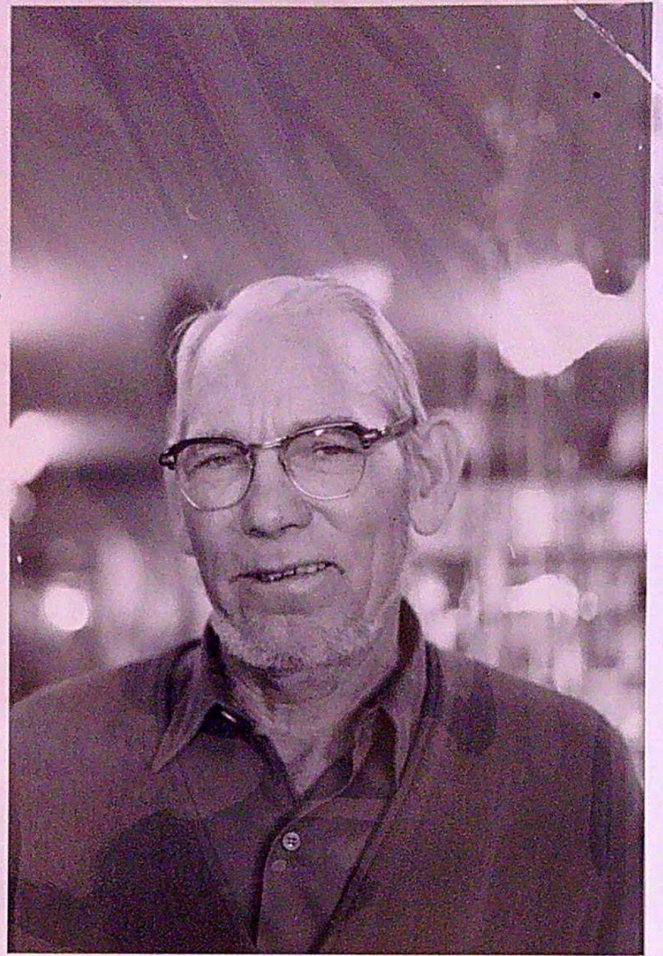
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The Beard Contest preliminaries are now slated for 5 p.m. at Centennial Headquarters, according to Toby Moreland. The finals will be held at the stadium during

the pre-pageant show at 8 p.m. Everyone should fill out an entry blank from Monday's Chronicle and take it to headquarters as soon as possible. Judge Ken David is judge in

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above picture





First Prize Winners  
in Costume Contest. Mrs.  
Wilbur Henderson and daughter,  
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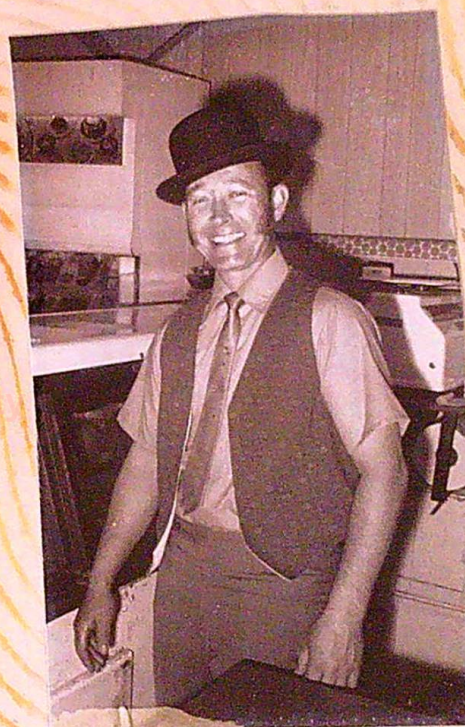


Single Variety  
Store





The Caney Volunteer Fire Department has played an important part of the 100 years of Caney history. Today's firemen include (top row left to right) Tom Harvey, Ed Johnson, Russ Wade and Louie Hill, Jr. Second row: Eddie Smith and Tom Holeman. First row: Shotty Long, Irvin Bradford, Chuck Bright, Randall Etter, Tom Harmon and Ferd Estes.

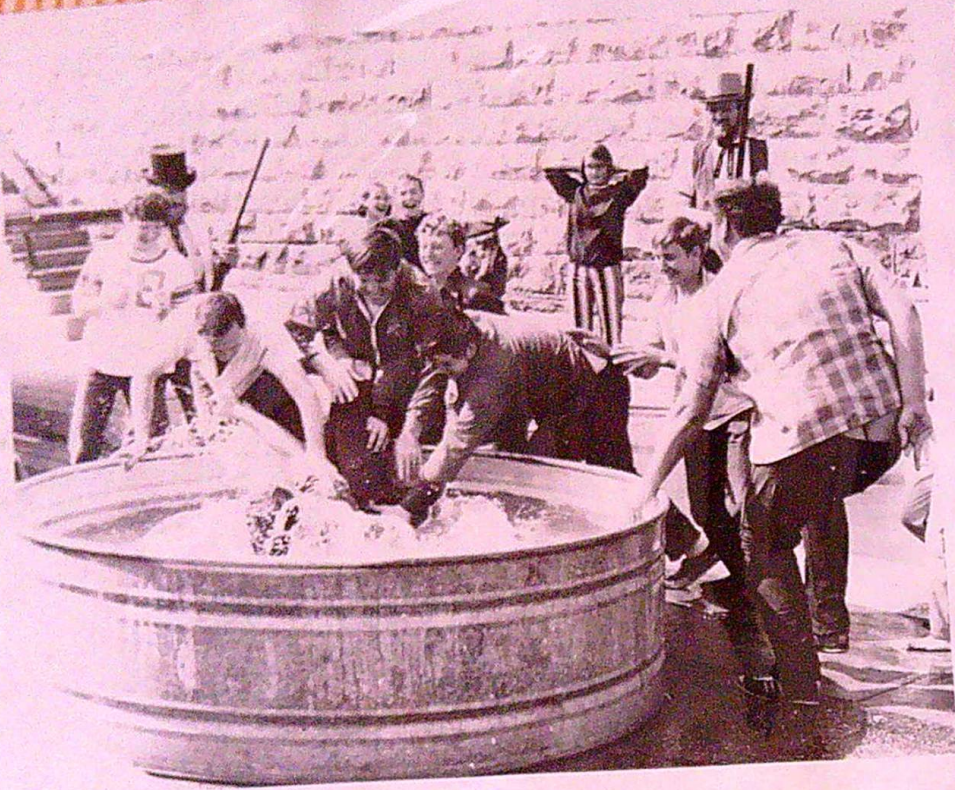


The Irish  
Fire Chief  
Born on St. Patrick's  
Day - Ferd Estes



Bob McDaniel  
Caney Food Bank





**CENTENNIAL COSTUMES**—Several women appeared in centennial dress for the 100th birthday party at Havana May 31. Pictured above from left are Mrs. Stilwell of Coffeyville, Mrs. R. L. Powell, Mrs. Ethel Michaels and Mrs. Nylan Russell of Havana. Little girl is unidentified.



Centennial Mugs

Now that the Centennial celebration is history it is well to review some of the "looks-alike" of our be-whiskered citizenry. Police chief Joe Taylor looked a lot like Gen. U. S. Grant. Orley Hermon resembled the city slicker in the home-talent play. Had Pickles Lessman worn striped pants and a high hat he would have been a good Uncle Sam. Bus Covell could have been the hero in an X-rated movie. Mayor E. N. Williams had an Abe Lincoln set of whiskers. I fancied myself a second Stephen A. Douglas.





# A Tribute to the Flag by Ed Horner

Many Caneyites will never forget the closing scene of the pageant. With the entire cast in the center of the field, holding 200 flags, Ed recited--with proper emotion--the following tribute to the Stars and Stripes:

"I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars added over the years. . . . but sometimes I don't feel as proud as I once did.

"Years ago, when I came down your streets, your daddy would remove his hat and place it over his heart.

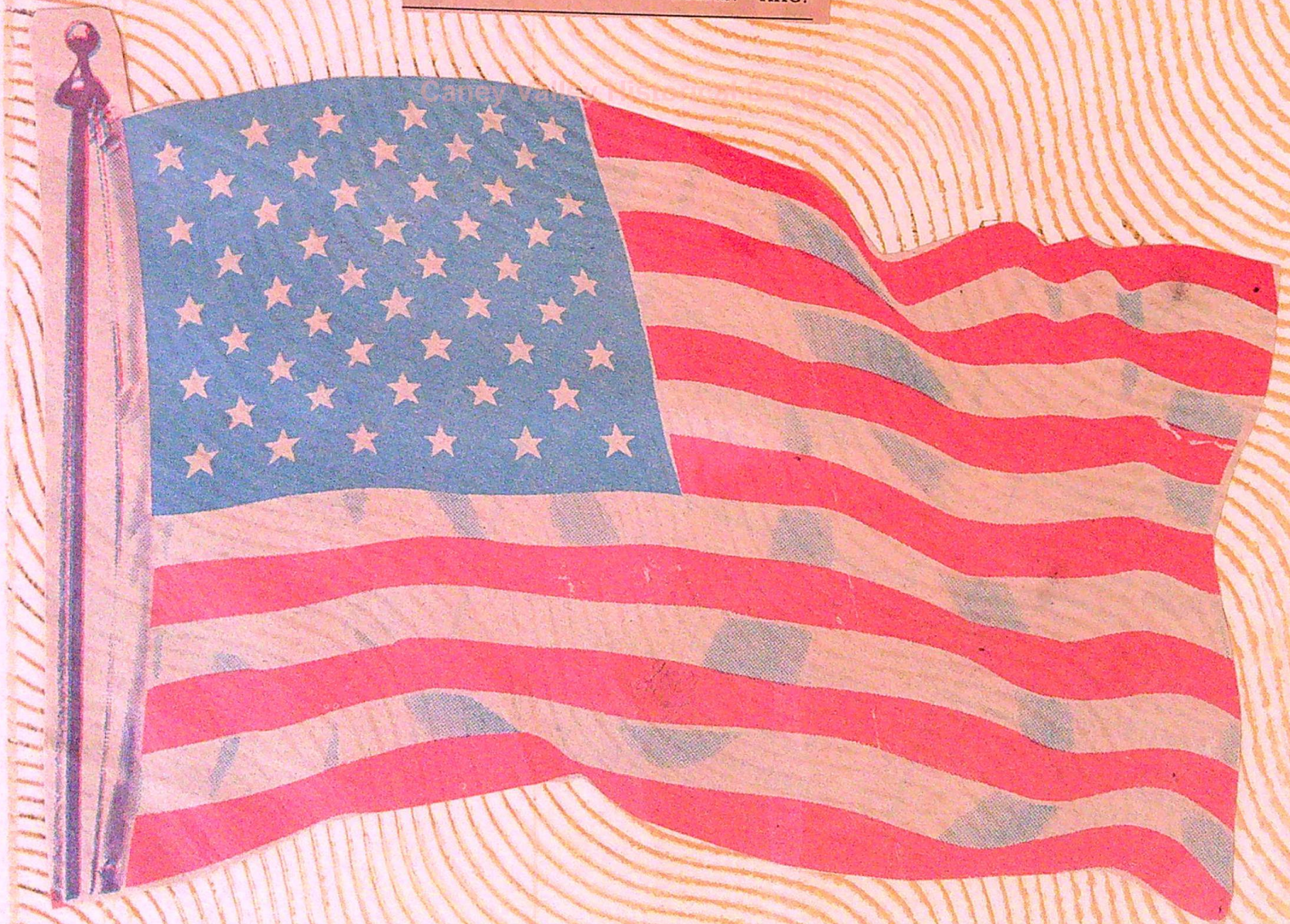
"But now, some of you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and give me a small glance and then look away.

"Have you forgotten what I stand for? Have you forgotten where I've been. . . . Omaha Beach, Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam . . . . where men have fought and died to keep this nation free?

"When you salute me you are actually saluting them.

"So, next time you see me coming down your street, stand straight, place your hand over your heart. . . . I'll be waving back. . . . my salute to you!"

Caney found a new friend in Ed Horner. Like the flag, he won our hearts.--HKG.





enthusiastic crowds greeted a 210-member home talent cast at the Stadium Monday and Tuesday nights to see the pageant, "Caney, Century One," the crowning achievement of Caney's Centennial celebration.

The audiences have been generous with applause and compliments. The pageant portrays Caney's 100-year history and is the result of fine co-operation between the director and choreographer, Edward H. Horner Jr., of the Rogers Company, and the community.

Each night there is a pre-show concert. The offering tonight (Wednesday) will be one-half hour or more of songs and instrumental music by a locally-famous group, "The Sand Hill Singers." This will be augmented by the appearance of the Wilson Sisters, vocalists from Coffeyville.

The Roadrunners, a barber-shop quartet from Parsons and which includes Caney's Marion Maze, delighted the audience by harmonizing old songs Monday night. A portion of the pre-show also was in honor of Gen. George H. Wark, 93, of Caney.

At Tuesday night's show the Philtones, a nationally-famous singing group from Bartlesville, sang beautifully and enthusiastically, featuring a medley of songs from the top Broadway hit, "The Music Man."

Each show is introduced by a prologue featuring Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Rainbow Girls. "Caney, Century One," is in 14 episodes and they follow:

- God's Creation.
- Indian Territory.
- The White Man Comes.
- The Settlement Begins.
- The Bible or the Bottle
- A Time For Knowledge
- We Grow Together.
- Getting There.
- A New Century Awaits.
- Welcome 1900.
- "Oh, You Kid!"
- Years of Darkness.
- A City Grows.
- Tonight Is Our Future.

Scenes of early-day and current Caney are silhouetted on elevated screens as the show unfolds.

All of the actors are in costume. There is colored lighting and stereophonic sound. The main show requires two hours.

## Show Will Feature Cast of 250

June Freisberg, chairman of the Spectacular Centennial Pageant was well pleased with the turn out and enthusiasm of Caney residents at the Cast Auction last Thursday night.

"Caney Century I" is the high-light of Caney's Centennial Celebration and will be presented five nights May 31 through June 4 at the CHS Stadium.

The Spectacular will be made up of many scenes which will be sponsored by the Caney Garden Club, Lincoln PTA, Brothers of the Brush, Pleasant Hill Pals, Caney Chums, Sigourneyan Club, Methodist Church, Catholic Church, Progressive Mothers, Chamber of Commerce, Merry Belles chapter of centennial Belles, Pepperettes, Letterman's Club, Sophomores, Playmakers and American Legion. Vivian Coltharp is Cast Chairman and will be assisted by the Merry Belles.

Rehearsals will start today at 4 p.m. in the high school gym under direction of Ed Horner of the Rogers Company. Mr. Horner will explain the nature of the pageant and will answer questions.

Committee chairmen are June Freisberg, general chairman of the Spectacular, Vivian Coltharp, cast, H. K. George, script, assisted by Ivan Pfalser, Joe Taylor,



Frank Clubine, Auct.

The remaining 13 sets of Centennial Coins will be auctioned off to the highest bidder Friday evening at 6 p.m. in front of the Centennial Headquarters, according to Richard Anderson, Revenue Chairman.

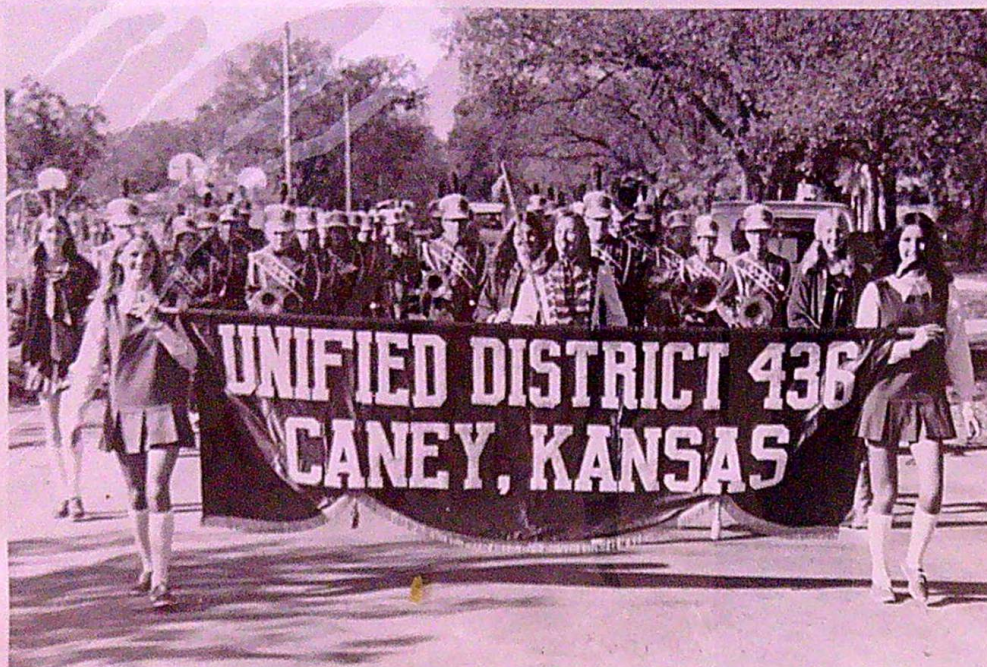
The 13 sets of coins are the last of 75 that were made and should have a value of much over the \$15 for which they were being sold.

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Old Hearse from Bartlesville,  
shown through courtesy of  
Graves Funeral Home

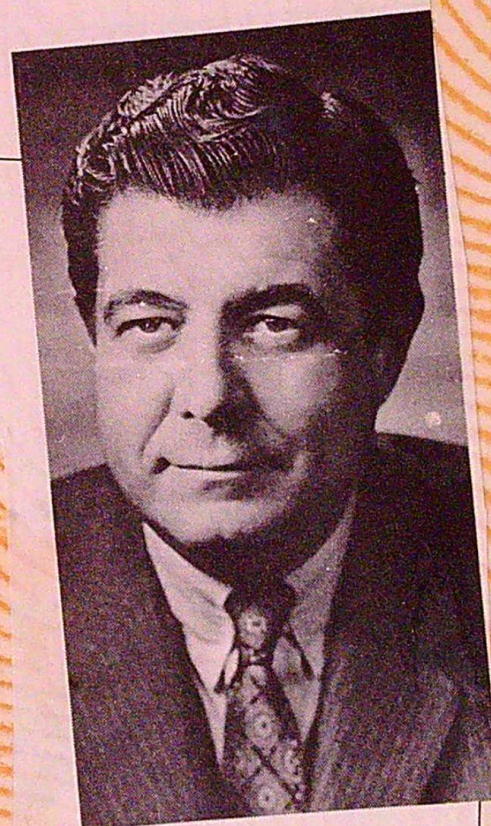




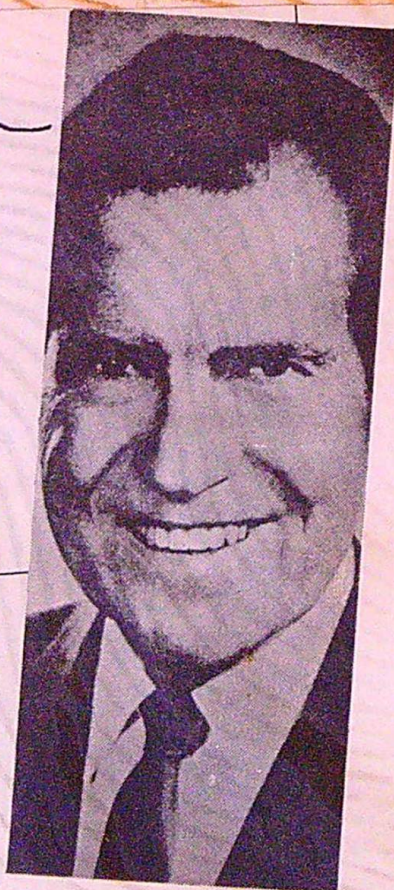
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TOPEKA, KANSAS 66612



*Richard Nixon*



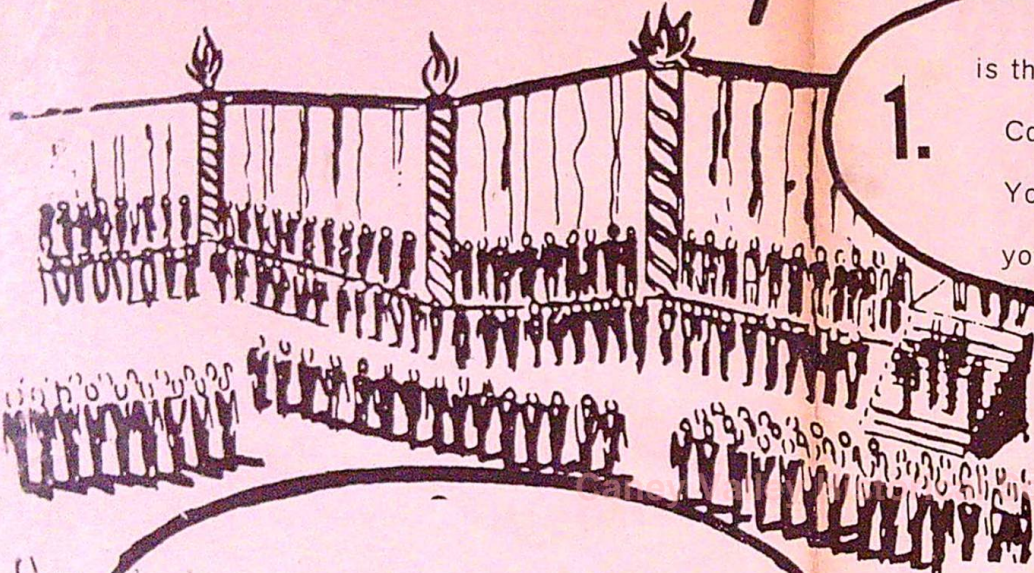
Yours sincerely,

*Robert Docking*  
Robert Docking  
Governor of Kansas



# 5 BIG Reasons Why

## YOU SHOULD BUY A TICKET FOR "CANEY CENTURY I" NOW!



**1.** "CANEY CENTURY I" is the great feature attraction of the Caney Centennial Celebration. You couldn't miss it and say you've lived! . . . in Caney!

**2.** "CANEY CENTURY I" is a professionally produced SPECTACULAR! A cast of 258 people will tell the story of the Caney Area. 90 minutes packed with thrills, dancing and comedy. . . all on a stage as big as a football field!

**3.** "CANEY CENTURY I" Plays just five PERFORMANCES at CANEY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM. The seating is limited, so be sure you have your tickets before they are sold out! (If it rains on any scheduled performance night, a rain-out performance will be presented on June 5th, weather permitting. Don't say, "I WISH I'D GONE". BUY NOW!

**4.** BY BUYING NOW You cast 1,000 votes (with each coupon) for your favorite Queen Candidate in the big "MISS CENTENNIAL QUEEN" contest. Help her to win the title of "MISS CENTENNIAL" or help her become one of the five princesses of the "Queen's Court of Honor".

### 5. AND LAST BUT BEST

By buying your "CANEY CENTURY I" tickets NOW you save ONE-FOURTH!!!

General admission at gate (and after May 27) . . . \$2.00

Reserved Section . . . \$2.50

Coupon exchange begins May 24. Be Ready!

On any of the above "CANEY CENTURY I" admission tickets

**THE COUPON YOU BUY NOW FOR \$1.50 IS WORTH \$2.00**

On any of the above "CANEY CENTURY I" admission tickets

The sale of Advanced Coupons for \$1.50 will positively stop on May 27, 1971

Thereafter gate prices will prevail

CHILDREN ADMISSION -- Half Price. Babies in arms admitted free

Caney, Kansas -- Monday, May 31 thru June 4, 1971

CANEY HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM

PERFORMANCE TIME 8:30 P.M.

**DON'T MISS IT!**

**BUY NOW  
SAVE 1/4**



# Pageant Director Arrives To Help Finalize Centennial Plans

With the big centennial week getting closer, a grand climatic program of events is being compiled through the efforts of the Special Events Division under the direction of Harry Graves. Special days have already been named and the details of these days are being arranged.

The general program of events are as follow: Friday, May 28, Old Fashioned Bargain Days and rodeo; Saturday, Alumni and Centennial Ball; Sunday, Religious Heritage Day; Monday, Centennial Memorial Day; Tuesday, Pioneer and Ladies Day; Wednesday, Youth Day; Thursday, Agriculture and Industry Day; and Friday, Good Neighbors Day and Grande Parade.

Graves said as the specific events of each day are prepared, notice will be given in

the Chronicle.

## Letters Mailed Out

Thursday night will be the next promenade in downtown Caney. The community is urged to don centennial attire and bring the family to Caney for another evening of fun, music and street dancing.

The stroll is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and will last about 15 minutes before the musicians start plucking and picking away at favorite country and western melodies.

Dancing is encouraged, especially good square dancing. Local square dancers are invited to come and lead the crowd in the fun.

The promenade will again start from three points in the downtown area: In front of the high school, in front of the Blackledge home and

in front of O. E. Woods Lumber Company.

The first caravan is slated for Friday night for the communities of Niotaze, Peru and Sedan. Anyone who wants to go along on the two hour journey should meet in the Baptist Church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening.

Pickles Lessman and his country-western musicians will go along to entertain the townspeople and a sound truck with an announcer will tell them about all the centennial activities planned for Caney.

Other caravans are being staged in Copan and Dewey on May 7 and in Havana, Wayside and Independence on May 14. Tyro and Coffeyville will be covered on the May 21 caravan.

Units of the local Caney Police Department as well



as representatives of the centennial committee will also be on hand at each of the caravans.

Posters and handbills will be distributed to each of the communities.

Centennial coins are going in record numbers at the bank, according to Pearl Wilson who is pushing them.

She reports that all sets have been purchased, with the exception of a few which will be auctioned off during the week of the centennial. Only 75 sets were made. They sold for \$15.

Meanwhile nearly 300 individual bronze coins have been sold at the price of two dollars each. There are still several hundred bronze coins remaining and they may be purchased at any time at the Caney Valley National Bank.

## Cast Auction

Immediately following the downtown promenade Thursday night will be the cast auction held in the high school auditorium.

June Freisberg, chairman of the Spectacle Division of the celebration, said all organizations have received letters inviting them to come to the meeting and to bring as many members with them as possible.

She said anyone who is interested in being in the pageant or learning more about it should come to the cast auction which should get underway between 8 and 8:30 Thursday night.

Ed Horner, Rogers Company director for the pageant will be on hand to answer questions.

Horner will arrive in Caney tonight for six weeks to put

the final touches on the celebration.

## Dancing Encouraged

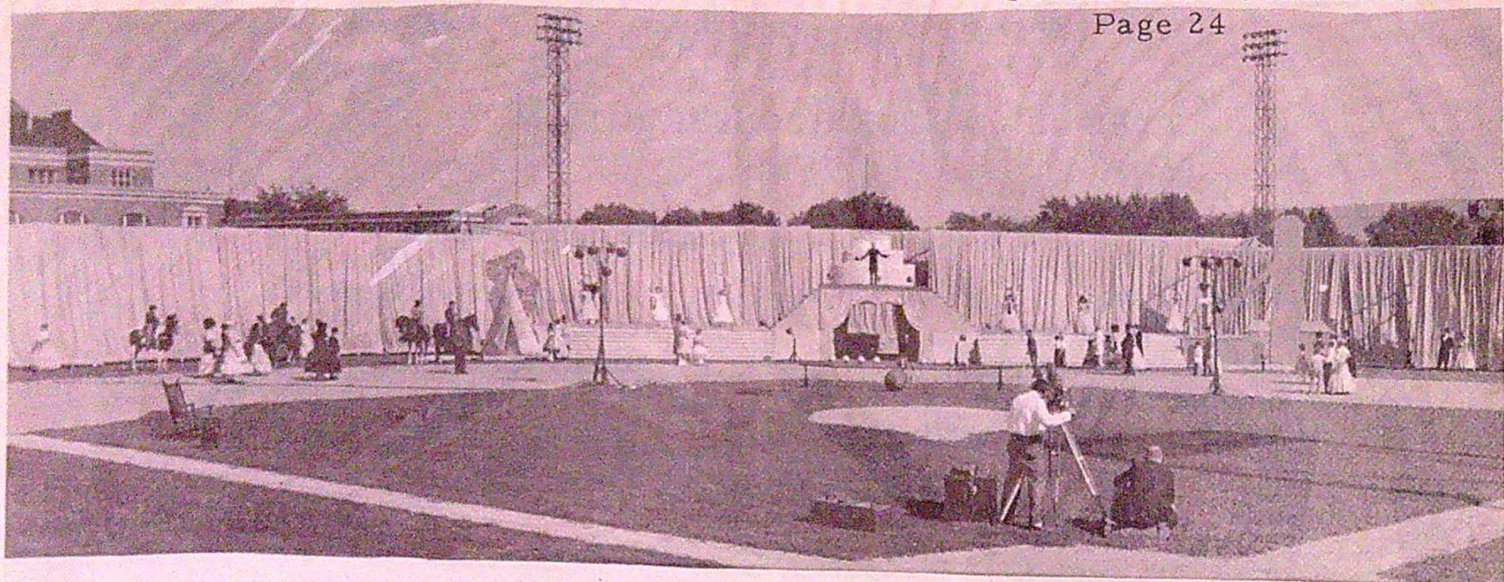
The Pioneer Events Committee of Caney Centennial has completed mailing of letters to former residents issuing them an official invitation to be in Caney May 28 to June 4.

Mrs. Bob Montgomery is chairman of the Pioneer Events Committee with Yetta Liberman and Mrs. Frank Ikerd assisting.

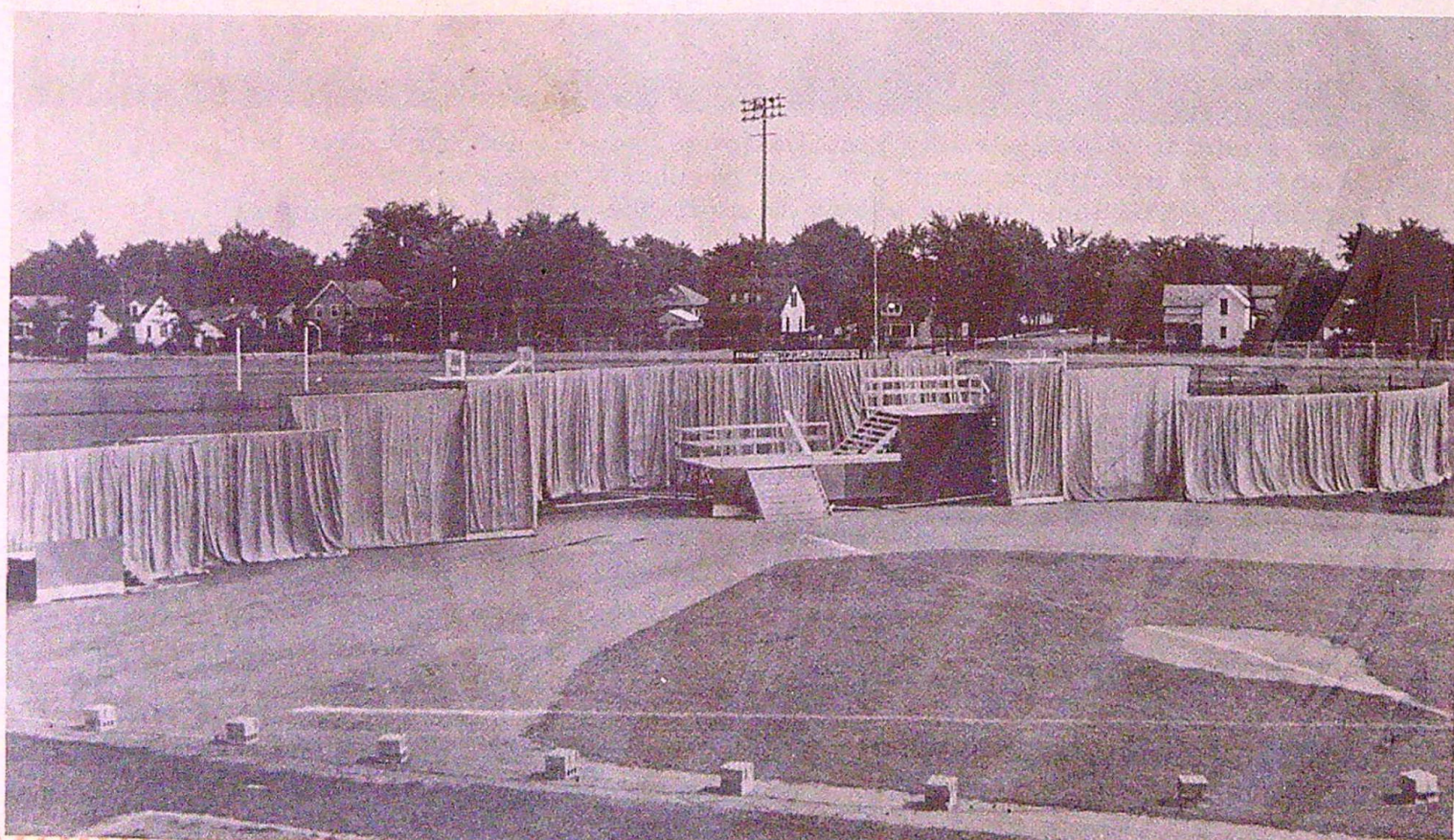
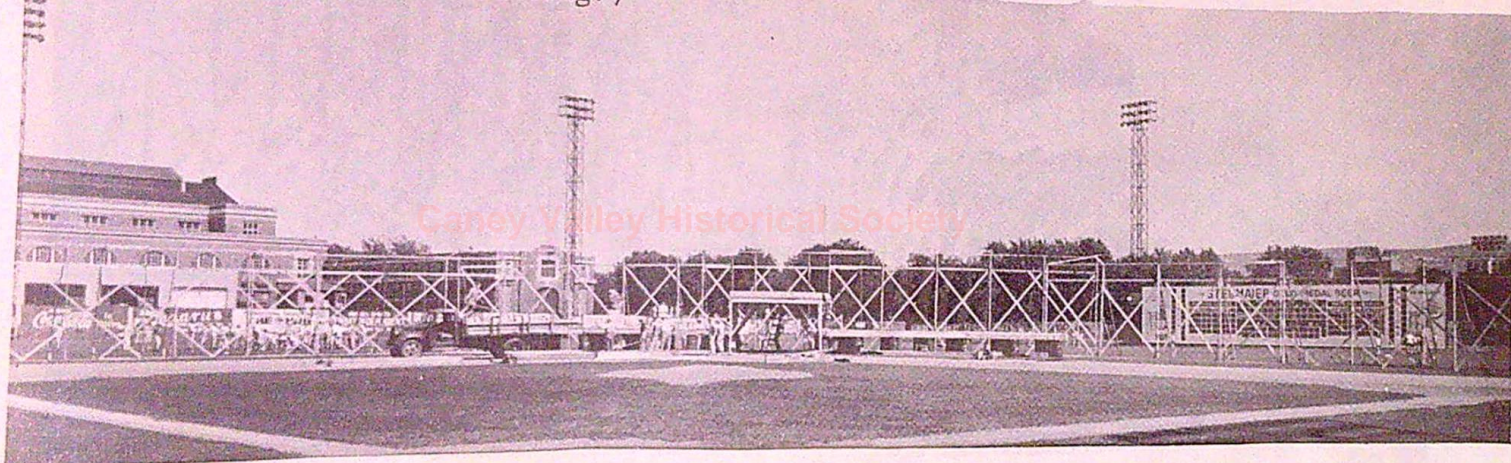
A Pioneer and Former Residents' Awards event is set for Tuesday, June 1, and will be at the Hospitality Center at Hotel Clifton.

At this event the Pioneer Man and the Pioneer Woman of longest continuous residence will be honored. This committee is asking for suggestions as to whom these two may be.





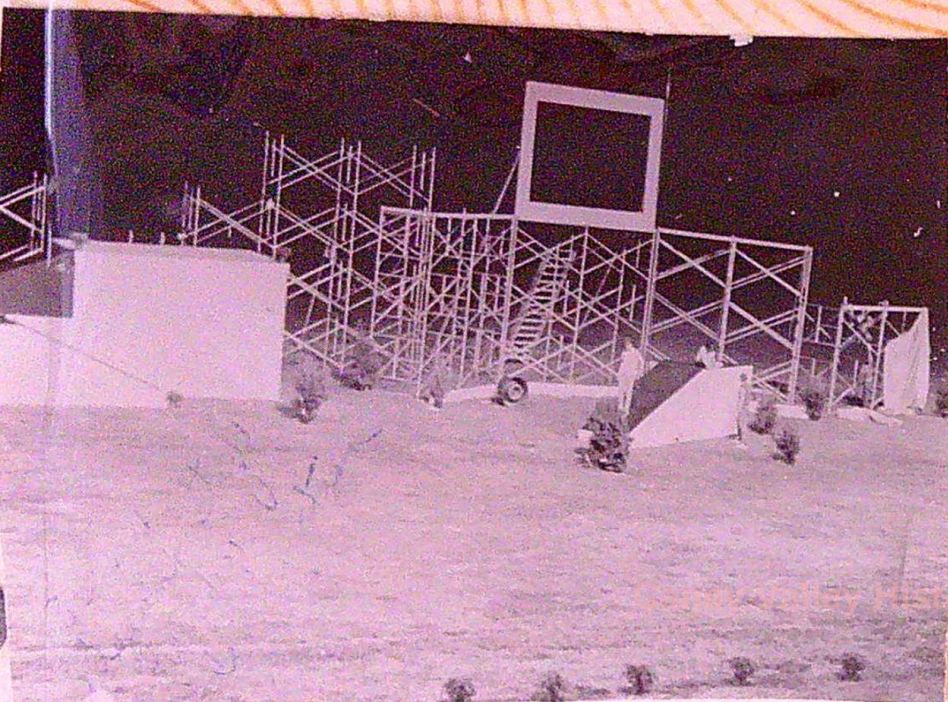
(Completed stage with scenery and lighting in place. This is an unusually elaborate setting.)





## Centennial Pageant May 28-June 4

The Caney Centennial will be climaxed May 28 through June 4 with a spectacular outdoor pageant based upon the community's history. The contributions of the above public-spirited citizens will be most useful.



Beginning of the building of the three-level pageant stage.

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**Pioneer Children:** Bret Anderson, Brian Anderson, Billy Allison, Peggy Bartlett, Patty George, David Lohmann, Pamie Lohmann, Darrel Messner, Karen Phillips, Kathie Phillips, Troy Sears, Dan White.

### Episode Five: "THE BIBLE OR THE BOTTLE"

**Circuit Rider:** Duane Vining

**Minister:** John M. Burns Sr.

**Angels:** Jane Dyer, Julie Freisberg, Alecia Toner

**Altar Boys:** David Carlile, Jim Freisberg

**Bar Room Dancers:** Douglas White, Jim Murphy, Jim Lindsey, Steve Frye, Joe Freisberg, John Burns, Lois Sewell, Susy Moore, Nancy Moore, Karen Hoffman, Debbie Clark, Debbie Nitz, Debbie Kincaid, Rita Trimble.

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Dalton Gang: Ed Metcalf  
Bank Robber: Randy Dunn, Doug Cassity  
Jimmy Pruett: Ronnie Holley, Jim Freisberg  
Firemen: Chad Bradford, Steve Buster, Ricky Cavender, Dave Soles.  
Keystone Kops: Jim Murphy, David Lutz, John Burns Jr., Barney Burnett.  
Bathing Beauties: Pamie Lohmann, Juanita Lohmann, Janie Lohmann, Carolyn Lohmann.  
Virginia Reel Dancers: Tandi Thomas, Carolyn Shively, Diana Pendleton, Debbie Murphy, Lori Moreland, Kim Holley, Julie Freisberg, Pamela Condry, Peggy Burns, Judy Burns, Lori Biggerstaff, John Hamilton.

### Episode Ten: "WELCOME 1900"

Newspaper Boy: Jim Freisberg  
World War I Mother: Ruby Parker  
Doughboy Killed: Jack Simpson  
WWI Soldiers: Harold Parker, Bill Stadalman, Noxie Fahrner, Bobby McGinnis, John Vierling, M. L. Pearsall, Louie Hill Jr., Robert Shively.

### Episode Eleven: "OH YOU KID!"

Charleston Dancers: Douglas White, Jim Murphy, Keith Miller, Jim Lindsey, Steve Frye, Joe Freisberg, Michael Estes, John Burns, Jim Freisberg, Patti Scimeca, Nancy Moore, Alecia Toner, Shiela Thomas, Susy Moore, Leslie Miller, Lana Montooth, Debbie Kincaid, Karen Hoffman, Lesa Ray, Nancy Taton, Carol Wyman.

### Episode Twelve: "YEARS OF DARKNESS"

Soupline: Margie Dunn, Debbie Nitz, Terry Moore, Karen Moore, Debbie Clark.  
WW II Mother: Margie Dunn  
Mobster: Randy Dunn  
W.P.A. Workers: Roger Boles, Chad Bradford, Richard Shively.  
American Soldiers: Barney Burnett, John Burns Jr., Joe Freisberg, Dave Soles, Ronnie Holley.  
German Soldiers: Ricky Cavender, Alan Deal, Terry Mitchell, Mike Nodine.

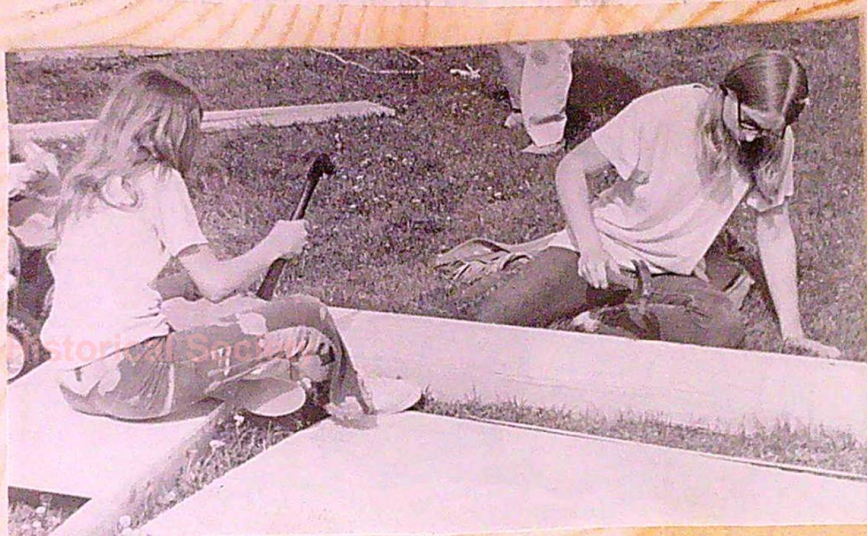
### Episode Thirteen: "A CITY THAT GROWS"

Teen Dancers: Chad Bradford, Doug Cassity, Jimmy Lindsey, Jim Murphy, Dave Soles, Douglas White, Sydney Shippy, Sally Boulanger, Pamela Condry, Debbie Kincaid, Diana Love, Nancy Moore, Debbie Milliken, Debbie Murphy, Diana Pendleton, Patti Scimeca, Shiela Thomas, Alecia Toner.

### Episode Fourteen: "TONIGHT IS OUR FUTURE"

The Entire "Caney Century I" Company pays homage to the U. S. Flag.

The Stage Managers: Mark Mayfield, Bob Frye, Steve Moore, Ronnie Coffee, Rick Gordon, Steve Morgan, Danny Carlile.  
Centennial Artist: David Perkins  
Mr. Horner's Secretary: Margie Miller



## Young Ed Horner Likes Caney

When young Ed Horner Jr. of the Rogers Company arrived in Caney to direct the centennial pageant, "Caney, Century I" at the Stadium, some local residents took a long, hard look and shook their heads.

Young Ed's hair was a bit too long, his clothes a bit too modish, his attitude seemed somewhat egotistical. When he left town after the final performance just about everyone held him in high regard--in fact, a sort of love affair existed between young Ed Horner and Caney. "This town gets next to you," Ed said. "I hate to leave."

Doubters about Ed Horner fired an inquiry into the Rogers headquarters. "He's one of our top men," came the reply.

It was his job to whip a cast of more than 300 amateur actors and stage hands of all ages in a two-week span into a group capable of portraying events of Caney's 100-year history in a manner that would please audiences for five consecutive nights.

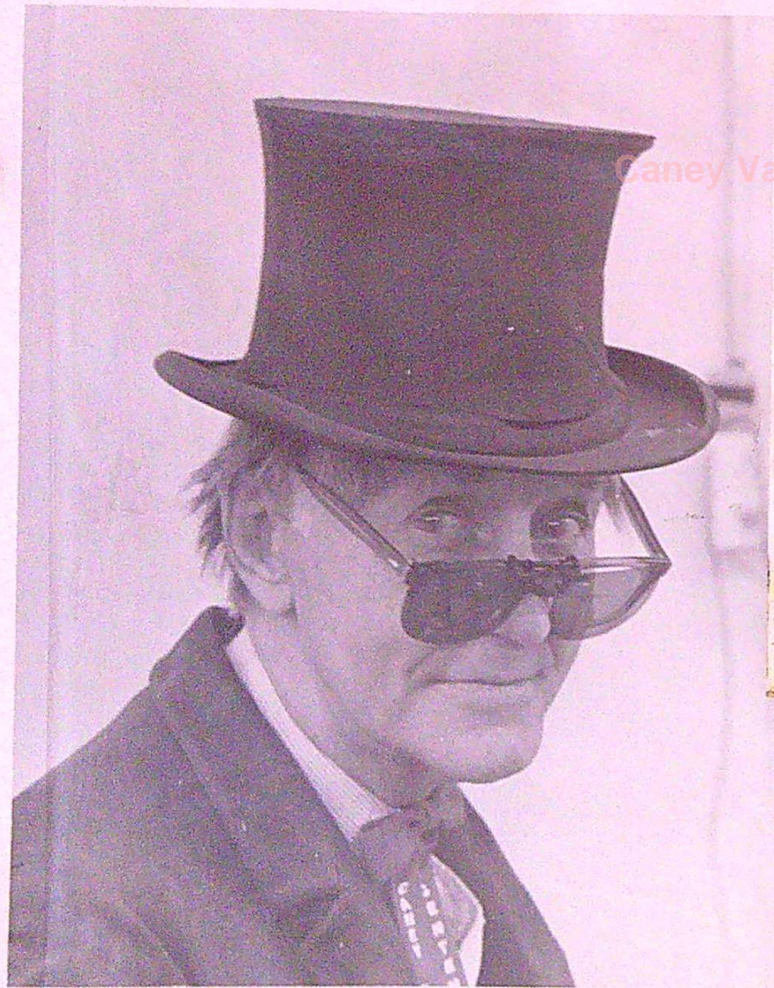
He had to show drive and he had to demonstrate authority. This he did--emphatically.

But there is another side to young Ed Horner. When he left Caney he knew the first name of every person in the cast. He knew more people in this community than some of us get on a first-name basis in a





Miss Tina Wade was the winner of last week's Little Miss Centennial Contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wade.

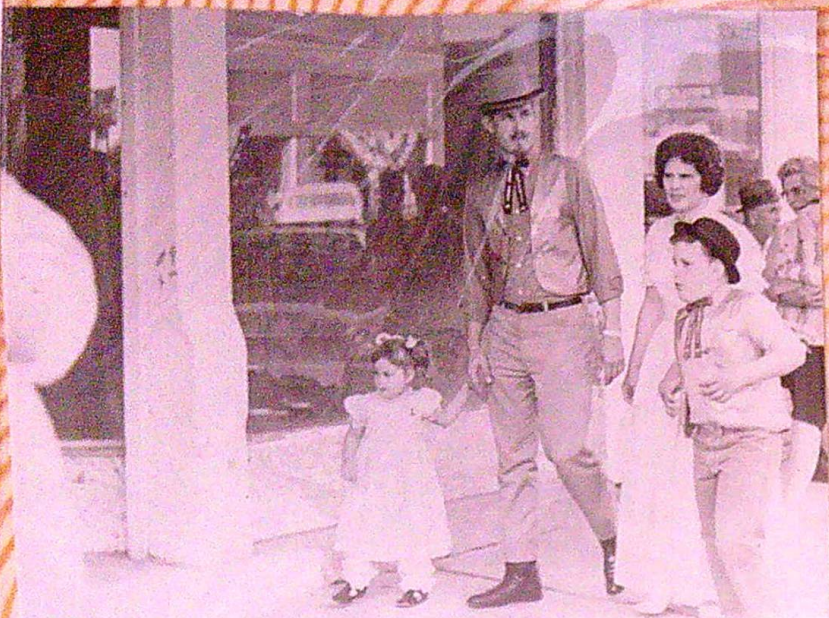


Sam Marion



Right - Children and Adults in Centennial Costumes





The Jerry Haymaker Family



This is the way Caney's Fourth Avenue looks from atop a ferris wheel. The big carnival has been a drawing card for the centennial celebration this week. It is operated by Foster Amusements from Dodge City.

### WHOZIT?

John Sears, local Metropolitan Life Agent, poses with a cap and ball rifle and sword used in the Civil War by George D. Sears, great-grandfather of John.

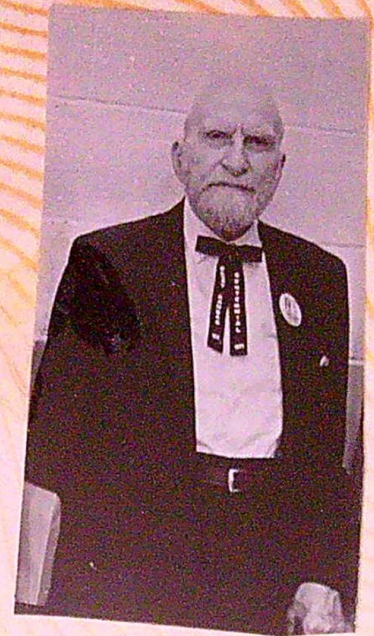


Mrs. Alex Durst dishes out the beans at Tuesday's noon luncheon. She is a former co-owner of the Caney Cafe. Tommy Harvey was the chef in charge of the bean feed.



Mayor Elgie Williams officially cuts Caney's birthday cake in ceremonies Monday morning with the help of Mrs. Sharon Wiggins. The cake was baked by Tony's of Coffeyville and served 500 persons.





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## Store Has Pioneer Tradition

A family store with a pioneer tradition in Caney is Winkler Pharmacy, owned and operated by Harold M. Winkler.

In connection with the centennial celebration year, Mr. Winkler gave some store history.

Winkler Drug Store was established in 1902 by the late J. A. Winkler. It was destroyed by fire in 1905 but re-opened in the spring of 1906.

It was incorporated as Winkler & Sons in January, 1939, but became a partnership of Winkler Brothers upon the death of the father Nov. 14, 1942.

This partnership was dissolved upon purchase of the business by Harold M. Winkler July 1, 1953, and the firm name was changed to Winkler's Pharmacy.

D. M. Leach had his jewelry store in the front of the store for a short period.

An unusual occurrence with a happy ending during this

period was the loss of an uncut diamond, which fell through a crack in the wooden floor into an abandoned well under the store. However, when the floor was dismantled the diamond was discovered and retrieved.

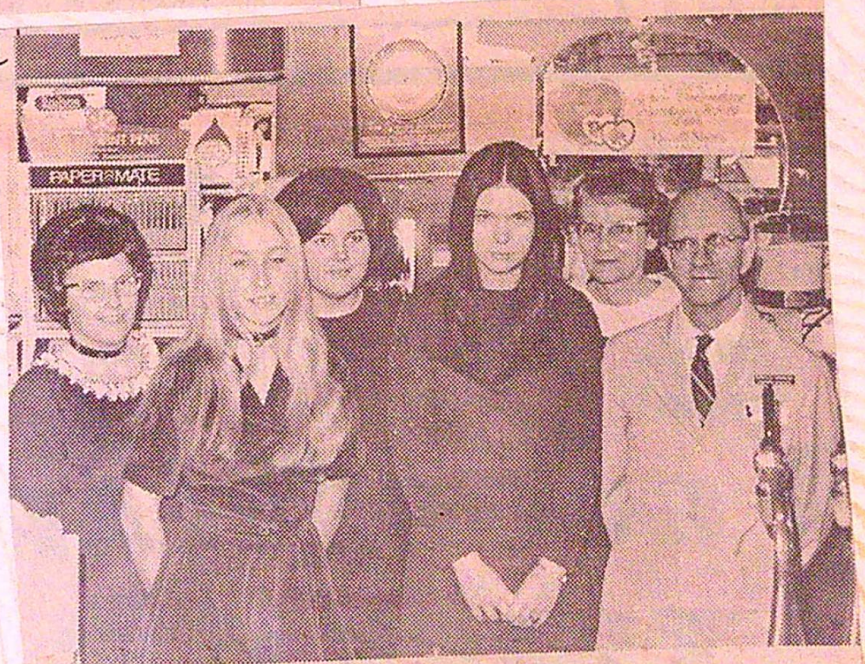
The store was remodeled in 1945. A new cement floor was covered with asphalt tile, fixtures were refinished, a new soda fountain installed and a new front was built.

Possibly the most interesting items of the past that are still on display are over 200 apothecary drug bottles with their Latin inscriptions. Most of these bottles are dated March 1892.

Although this pharmacy is modern in all respects and the latest prescriptions and drugs are available, it still carries many of the old-time remedies and odd items as follows:

Beeswax, water glass, myrrh, frankincense, mus-tache wax (picking up in

sales due to the centennial celebration), Marsh Wheeling stogies, beetlenuts, camphor gum, lamp black, lead foil, steel penpoints, emery flour, nutmegs, and other interesting items.



Betty Mesneak, Sonya Fichtl, Debbie Burris, Gloria Johnson  
Audrine Winkler and Harold Winkler

# Winkler Pharmacy





GEN. GEORGE H. WARK, first commander of Ernest Brown Post of the American Legion, and Mrs. L. J. Pearsall, World War II gold star mother, prepare to place a wreath on the war memorial at the Sunnyside Cemetery Park during the Memorial Day program Friday morning. With them is the present commander of the Legion Post, Chuck Gregg, veteran of the Vietnam war. Gen. Wark is a veteran of World War I.



The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Smith, 101 West Second, will host a golden wedding anniversary reception in their honor Sunday, June 13. Friends are invited to call between 2 and 4:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Caney. The family requests no gifts. The children are Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Smith of Raleigh, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Shannon of LaCrosse, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. Bob L. Smith of Davenport, Ia.

*Centennial year  
completes a Half-  
Century of Marriage*



# *A Special Tribute*

**To H. K. George**

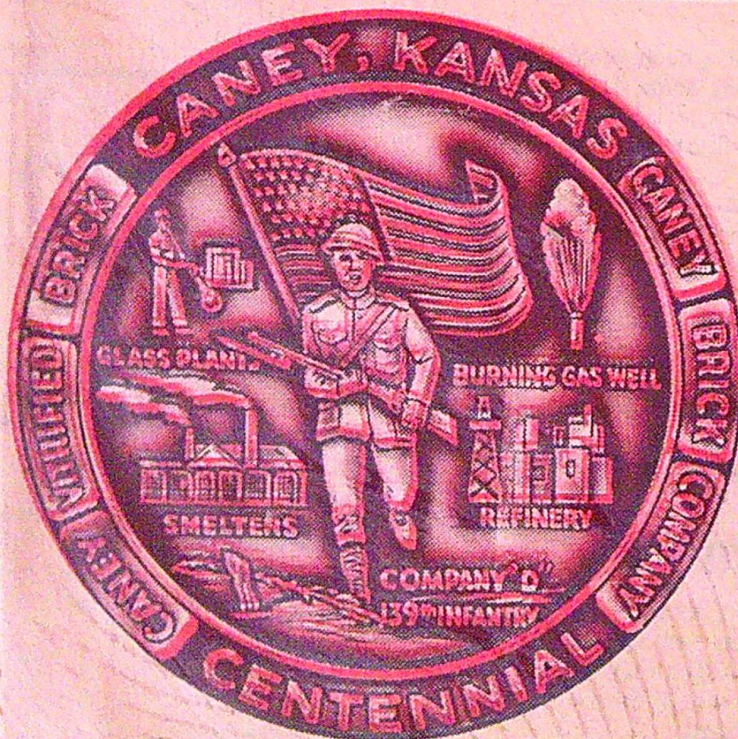
Who conceived the idea for Caney Centennial 1  
and who devoted many hours assembling the  
historical material for the script for the pageant  
and in editing this book.

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# Tulsa Newspaper Story Recalls Caney History

When Mrs. Dean Gilliland of Tulsa, former Caney resident, read in the "50-Year-Ago" items in the Tulsa World about an incident in Caney that occurred in 1913, it revived memories of a name she had heard here many times.

The article was about Nip Vann, one-time rodeo performer and movie actor, and his shooting of a Caney police officer, John McInroy.

Old timers here recall that Vann, part Cherokee Indian, shot and killed McInroy while the latter was marching him to jail following a disturbance in the Caney Elks Club. The shooting was at the intersection of Fourth and Spring and McInroy died soon thereafter.

Vann escaped into Texas and Mexico and a local officer, Bert Ziegenfuss, cousin of McInroy, conducted a search over the

North American continent for Vann that ended with Vann's arrest on the Mexican border in 1927.

The search for Vann by Ziegenfuss is an epic in persistence and dedication to a cause, Ziegenfuss said that he had made a vow to capture Vann.

Magazine stories have been written about the killing of McInroy and the long search for Vann. This bit of Caney history would make the plot for an intriguing movie or TV show.

George H. Wark, veteran Caney attorney, knew Vann well and said he was a handsome man and usually well behaved. He had been drinking heavily at the time he killed McInroy.

At Vann's trial he claimed the shooting was accidental. He was given a two-year sentence for manslaughter and died a few years ago.

Vann once told this story to Mr. Wark:

As a rodeo performer he was in New York and the promoter of the rodeo asked him to dress in "society clothes," take a well-dressed lady to Madison Square Garden and occupy a box seat.

## Vann Accepts

As a climax to the show the rodeo manager was to offer \$5 to anyone in the audience who would attempt to ride a wild Brahma bull. It was plotted that Vann would accept the challenge.

When the handsome Vann arose his woman companion pleaded loudly for him not to attempt the ride. "Honey, don't," she pleaded, "you'll be killed."

But Vann, feigning determination, broke out of her grasp and started for the arena.

"Don't do it, son," shouted women sitting in the box seats. And the audience echoed this plea.

Of course Vann, the expert rider, had no trouble in riding the wild bull and was the hero of the audience.

Few people knew it was part of an act.

Vann confided to Wark that the rodeo manager never did pay him the \$5.

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BLACKLEDGE SALES CO.....

## Metropolitan Store in Small Town

The sight of a Blackledge Sales Co. truck making deliveries of high quality furniture to homes in Tulsa, Wichita, Kansas City, Joplin, Bartlesville, and many other cities and towns in a several-state area is familiar to observing persons and is a certain indication that in Caney, Kan., is a furniture firm with a wide reputation for "furniture of distinction."

G. E. Blackledge, owner and operator of this surprising mercantile establishment at 219 West Fourth, has devoted over 50 years to building his successful reputation.

He started this career in 1914, selling pianos and cars at a time most people were still doubtful that the car would displace the buggy and the piano would be more desired than the oldtime pump organ.

Blackledge's firm made several moves, each one a better building or location than the last, and Blackledge himself owned one of the first cars in Caney.

Blackledge started with Buick, then switched to Studebaker and Overland, and sold 150 cars in Caney. He sold

Caney in 1915.

But in 1929 Blackledge decided to concentrate all of his sales efforts to furniture. From that time on, the Blackledge Sales Co. grew and thrived, and it became famous for merchandise of medium and high quality unsurpassed in the Midwest.

Blackledge has shipped furniture to Arabia. Just last month this store had three orders from Kansas City, each in the \$3,000-\$4,000 range. Blackledge has shipped to Chicago and one order went to Borger, Tex. Deliveries in Tulsa and Wichita are common.

No visit to Caney is complete without a tour of the Blackledge store. Few persons can believe such a store exists in a town of less than 3,000 population.





# Here Is Some Interesting History of Early-Day Caney

A copy of an anniversary edition of The Chronicle, printed in 1920, contains much historical information, and it will be reprinted as space permits in forthcoming editions of the paper. The first, captioned "Fifty Years Ago in the City of Caney," follows:

"Let me see," said Captain Stone reminiscently, as he struck a match to a new cigar: "I arrived in Caney on the eleventh day of May, 1870.

"At that time there was a little building in the square where State Street and Fourth Avenue join. It was made of native lumber, with clapboard roof. It contained a stock of goods consisting of flour, meal, salt pork and such supplies as pioneers would need, and on one side was a built-in-shelf covering a space eight by 10 feet, filled entirely with clothespins!

"The store was owned by Dr. Bell who, although a doctor, did not practice at that profession.

## Mail Comes From Parker

"There was a small log cabin situated exactly where Frank Hill's house now stands, which was owned by Jasper N. West, the first mail carrier, who brought the mail from a little town called Parker, which is now Coffeyville. The mail came from Kansas City to Baxter Springs, then to Chetopa, and on to Parker by stage, until 1870, when the first railroad ran to Baxter Springs.

"Later during the summer and fall of 1870 a few people dropped in to Caney, among them Oscar Smith and family. Mr. Smith established a small box-like structure about where Daniels Clothing Company now stands, and placed in it, and on its shelves a small stock of groceries and continued to maintain it for possible 18 months.

## Dr. Taylor's Arrival

"In late November or early December came Dr. A. M. Taylor and family; during the spring David Howard came and established a blacksmith shop located where the Harvey restaurant is today.

"Now -- going back to my time of arrival here -- I sold out my commission business which I had built up in Missouri, and came from Kansas City on the first road that ran

to Baxter Springs, and took a stage to Chetopa, and thence to this town of Parker, which I have already mentioned.

"Upon my arrival here I bought the southwest quarter of section 35, township 34, range 13.

## Elected As First Sheriff

"In the fall of '71 or spring of '72 I was elected sheriff of Montgomery county. Heretofore the sheriff had been appointed by the governor, and so I was the first sheriff ever elected in Montgomery county.

"I served four years, during which time I lived in Independence. Therefore a great many settlers came in whom I am unable to recall up to this time.

"When I returned here they had built a school house, Miss Eva Holmes being the first teacher. Dr. Taylor was instrumental in securing a school for Caney, and was the first director of the district.

"In 1876, after returning to Caney, I engaged in farming and various enterprises and industries.

"Elisha Booth and son Jeff had come to Caney meanwhile with a stock of goods. This was the second store to be erected in Caney, to my knowledge.

"Later, as a physician, came Dr. A. J. Stout.

## Town Company Organized

"A town company was organized in 1874 or '75, and a portion of what is now the First addition to Caney, and part of the old original town, was platted, the former containing 160 acres.

"The members of the town company were J. H. Smith, Berryman Smith, J. G. Woodruff and myself.

"During the time I spent in Independence, S. W. Wood and family came to Caney and purchased from Jasper N. West the first building that was used as a hotel in Caney, located on the site where now stands the residence occupied by Mrs. L. W. Lewis. After operating the hotel for a number of years he sold out to a Mr. Mitchell.

"The first general store that came to Caney, after the advent

of Booth, was in a building moved here from Ennisville, a little town just over the Oklahoma border, which was stocked and operated by Messrs. White and Dunlap. Their trade was very extensive, as owing to the fact that Mr. Dunlap had been an old trader among the Osage Indians, they came to him still to trade.

## Caney Was Not Called Ennisville

"It was an erroneous idea among the people that Caney was formerly named Ennisville. Now Ennisville was located about where the Owen switch is today, and in Oklahoma. The inhabitants of Ennisville thought that they were in Kansas, and a sure way to start a fight was to tell anyone there that their town was in the Indian Territory. Nor were they convinced of the fact until we had a survey made proving the fact.

"Then, of course, a lot of the buildings were moved from there to here, but Caney was already Caney, although often nicknamed Caneyville.

## One Building Still Here

"The first story of this very house was moved here from Ennisville over 50 years ago. I first located it across the street where the Atwood-Carinder hardware store now stands, and then bought this lot and moved it here.

"The plumbers, when first plumbing it, complained that they must be boring through something other than ordinary wood, until I showed them that the wood was solid walnut, clapped and planed in Ennisville.

"A lot of lumber was brought here from the town of Pleasanton, a little burg still located in Crawford county, I believe.

## D. M. & A. First Railroad

"The first railroad into the city of Caney was known as the D. M. & A., now known as the Missouri Pacific.

"In about 1886 additional land was procured and a new Caney town company organized, of which I was president and C. C. Black secretary. Guffey and Gally, the railroad contractors, added 240 acres, a portion of which was platted and sold to residence builders.

"The railroad was continued

then, on west through the city of Sedan to Winfield, and on to the western portion of the state. Organized under Probate Court

"At the time of the incorporation of Caney as a city, I do not recall the exact date, it was under, and by the authority of the probate court.

"J. W. Hodges, Booth-Patterson & Co., and several others came in about the time of the railroad, but there are few of them left. I believe I am the oldest actual resident of the city of Caney.

"There is very little that I can add now, excepting a few of the firsts of which you inquire.

"The first well dug in Caney was made by John Luppy, on the square at State Street and Fourth Avenue.

## First "Horseless Carriage"

"The first automobile, or horseless carriage, as we then called them, for that is what it resembled, was owned by W. J. Bigelow, a doctor.

"The first oil well sunk near Caney was south of Independence on section 14, township 35, range 13. Oil and gas were found in limited quantities.

"The Methodist church was later built through the efforts of Dr. Taylor. I offered them the land where Dr. Rader's office now stands, comprising one acre, and agreed to break the ground and haul the stone for a foundation, but they built elsewhere.



# What the Pioneer City Records Show (From Caney Chronicle Printed in Nov. 3, 1920)

The city records for April, 1893, show some very interesting material.

At that time E. B. Skinner was mayor, and J. W. Sheridan, C. I. Bergman, H. A. Truskett, and John Green were councilmen.

S. H. Barr and George Purcell were nominated for city attorney. Barr was elected.

C. J. Reynolds, of whom the old settlers have spoken so much, offered to the city the building known as the Booker office building, for use as a police court and council office, for the sum of \$4.00 per month. Ye house hunters, turn green with envy. He reserved the right, however, to use the building as his own office, but promised to always give way to the police court or council.

Reynolds also offered to do all the city printing and job work at full legal rates, at his office, and The Caney Times was declared the official paper of the city of Caney.

On another page we read: "The following bills were allowed:

"1 month's salary as marshal and killing four dogs, \$27.00.

"J. W. Sheraden, merchandise for the poor, \$3.40."

One cannot help but wonder what the dead dogs were worth, or how many poor were fed on \$3.40.

In 1889, the 5th day of April, P. S. Hollingsworth was elected mayor. Councilmen: Pattison, Todd, Cranor, Skinner and Summers. During Hollingsworth's administration we find this labor bill allowed:

"G. W. Smire, salary as marshal from June 5 to July 5, \$25.00; killing six dogs, \$3.00.

Our curiosity is at last satisfied on the dog question, for it is established that dogs (that is, dead dogs) are worth 50¢ apiece.

November 15, 1889, the city council bought 1,000 copies of the Caney Times, advertising Caney, paying \$50 therefor, and the publishers of the Times to pay postage.

(Inasmuch, however, at that time newspapers were carried free in the county, and 1¢ a pound outside of the county, the latter clause did not set the Times back much.)

About this date sidewalks were being built all through the city, and we see bills for labor at \$3.00, \$5.00 and sometimes as high as \$6.00.

On Nov. 16, 1894, the ordinance was passed permitting "R. D. Kellogg to have the exclusive right to use the streets, alleys, roads and public grounds of the city of Caney for the purpose of furnishing gas to the inhabitants of the city of Caney," this being the first mention of any service of gas for heating and lighting in the city records.

April 3, 1895, T. W. Truskett was elected mayor, receiving 178 votes, his opponent being John Todd. Councilmen elected were Smith, Connelly, Shultz, Booth and Skinner. J. W. Skinner remained city clerk and T. H. Harker police judge. G. W. Purcell was reappointed city attorney.

The H. C. L. probably began to bite the workers for the city at about this time for we find the following bills allowed:

"G. B. Atwood for road plow, \$15.50; A. M. Parsons for printing, \$7; Crane & Co. for poll books, 50¢; Jesse Orr for street work, \$5; W. W. Barr for clerk at election, \$2; John Luppy, salary as marshal, \$25; G. W. Purcell for rent, \$4; James Thomas for sexton, \$3.25; Caney Chronicle, printing, \$1."

About Aug. 6, 1895, the council presented a petition, endorsed by the leading business men of the city, asking of the mayor and council to provide for a system of waterworks for the city of Caney. On this day also the Caney Chronicle was made official paper of the city of Caney.

On Aug. 29, 1895, the contract of the Howe Pump and Engine Co. with the city of Caney was read and ratified, this being the start of the waterworks project in Caney.

On Dec. 5, 1895, the city purchased 1,000 copies of the Kansas City Times advertising edition of Caney, at one cent per copy.

Jan. 15, 1895, a special election was held to vote on the following question: Shall the city of Caney subscribe \$10,000 dollars to the capital stock of the Kansas-Oklahoma Central and Southwestern Railway Company and issue bonds of the city therefor, payable 20 years after date; redeemable according to law, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from date of delivery, payable semi-annually, and to be issued to the said company when six miles of said railroad shall have been completed?" The

Garlinghouse.

In May the petition of J. A. Roth to allow the Missouri Pacific Railway Company the right of way to construct a track across the west end of Fourth Avenue, to be an extension of what was then known as the mill switch, was allowed. This petition caused quite a little strife in Caney's business circles. The railway people went ahead one night about midnight and built quite a bit of track thinking that if they could get an engine over the track the parties who wanted it removed would have to go to law about it.

The opposing faction went down the next day with a body of men and tore the track up. The strife went on for several days, but finally the railroad company took their track, etc., and retired from the battle.

On May 6, 1897, A. M. Parsons complained to the city, before a notary, that G. W. Smirl, city marshal, was seen on the 26th day of April in an intoxicated condition.

The records go on to say that "G. W. Smirl being present in person, challenged the jurisdiction of the council to try him for his misconduct in office and gave notice that he would continue to act as city marshal and draw his

salary therefor."

On May 8, however, the council, pursuant to a petition signed by Caney citizens, investigated the misconduct of G. W. Smirl, and found it to be true, therefore declaring the place of city marshal to be declared vacant.

But another bevy of upright citizens petitioned that the council show leniency to Smirl, and he was therefore reinstated for 30 days on probation.

These are a few of the good and bad things done by our city council in the early days of Caney.

Every man seems to have owned a dog, as the dog tax records show quite a collection of taxes. Some of the dog owners were: Harry Cavis, P. W. Paul, J. B. Marshall, John Cunningham, Mike Hanlon, Lee Peyat, I. G. Dye, Claude Shultz, T. W. Truskett, H. A. Truskett, F. S. DeWitt and J. C. Stone.

While the possession of a dog means nothing to our readers, yet the tax rolls will no doubt bring to your minds names of old timers half forgotten, and will freshen your memories so that you may begin reminiscing all over again.

## Death of Bert Ziegenfuss Recalls Pursuit of Nip Van

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Bert Ziegenfuss, veteran Montgomery county law enforcement officer, died a week ago in Coffeyville at age 84.

A TV western could well center on the career of Ziegenfuss, particularly his 25-year hunt for Nip Van, who in 1913 shot and killed a Caney police officer, John McInroy.

George H. Wark of Caney said this morning that Ziegenfuss' persistence finally placed Van behind bars in 1937. Here, in brief, is Mr. Wark's review of the murder and subsequent pursuit:

Van, a handsome, part-Cherokee rodeo performer, came into Caney and tried to enter the Elks Club, located in rooms over the present post office. He was denied entrance. He smashed the glass in the door and McInroy, his good friend, placed him under arrest.

he would never relent until he had brought Nip Van to justice.

The trail led many miles and many years and cost Ziegenfuss many dollars. Once, in Los Angeles, Ziegenfuss was close to making an arrest, but Van was tipped off by friends minutes before the scheduled capture.

Ziegenfuss trailed Van into Mexico and finally, in 1937, arrested him in New Mexico.

Many magazine and newspaper stories have been written about the long manhunt.

Ziegenfuss continued his law-enforcement career until a short time before his death.

"He was a fine man," Mr. Wark said this morning. "I always regarded him as a fine friend and a fine officer."





This Lincoln School picture was taken sometime around 1939 or 1940. There was no identification on the picture. How many of the students can you name?





# Early Caneyites Had Prominent Roll in Oil Development Battles

By IVAN PFALSER

The recently published Autumn issue of the Kansas Historical Quarterly contains an article pertaining to the early oil industry of Southeastern Kansas and has several references to the Caney area. It was written by Francis W. Schruben and is titled "The Kansas State Refinery Law of 1905" and is summarized below.

From the start of oil production in the U.S., Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and its subsidiaries were often the object of controversy. Pennsylvania and Ohio had felt the tentacles of this so-called Rockefeller "octopus".

By 1905, the oil industry in Southeastern Kansas was booming and Standard's production subsidiary, Prairie Oil and Gas Company, controlled most of this production. The oil was shipped to Standard Oil Company of Kansas' refinery at Neodesha.

With production opening up in Oklahoma and new well drilling running high, transportation, storage and refining facilities were stressed to the limit and Standard put in a pipe line to its Sugar Creek refinery in Missouri.

Opposition to Standard's control wasn't long in coming. Standard, it was alleged, allowed the small drillers and speculators to take all the chances and then methodically moved in to take over. Standard dropped crude oil prices but continued to sell kerosene, its largest retail product, at its original East Coast price and then started buying only the high grades of oil, making up any shortage by shipping in high grade oil from Oklahoma.

At this same time, railroad freight rates jumped from \$55 per carload to \$97 and people speculated that Standard had obtained stock control of the railroads in Kansas, including the home-owned corporation, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe.

## "Save Kansas"

The cry arose, "Save Kansas! Money for Kansas; Rockefeller has enough already."

Theodore Roosevelt's anti-trust activities added fire to

this movement.

Samuel M. Porter of Caney, running for the Kansas Senate from Southeastern Kansas, suggested a state-built and convict-operated oil refinery. Porter had extensive oil investments in Montgomery county. Gov. Edward W. Hoch challenged this with his suggestion of control legislation. Protest meetings were held in Independence and Chanute.

But it took William E. Connelly to get the ball rolling. He was called the "born agitator" by his admirers and a "born anarchist" by the oil trusts.

## Connelly And West Meet

Connelly met with H. E. West at Peru and together they organized the Chautauqua County Oil Producers' Association and issued a call for a statewide convention of oil producers at Topeka on Jan. 19. Hotels in Topeka were filled with angry producers and in short order the Kansas Oil Producers Association was formed. A resolution which was sent on to the state legislature asked for laws to control oil production and a 5,000-barrel state refinery.

With everyone pushing for legislation, Sen. Porter introduced Bill No. 30 with a main portion calling for a state-owned and convict-operated refinery at Peru. The bill passed the senate on a voice call and went to the house.

As a counter move, Standard virtually boycotted Kansas crude oil.

Connelly came to the forefront again, promising he would sacrifice his own personal production for free "soup houses" for men who had been thrown out of work.

On Feb. 15, the house passed the bill by a 90 to 30 vote and Gov. Hoch signed the bill into law.

Suits and counter suits were immediately filed by and against Standard by those who had lost heavily in the past years.

U. S. Representative Phil Campbell of Southeast Kansas called for a federal investigation of Standard's Kansas operation. When President Roosevelt heard this, his reaction was, "That's bully, Campbell, bully!"

With Kansas in the lead other states took up action against Standard, even though the legality of the Kansas law had been taken up by the State Supreme Court. It ruled the law legal but denied authority to issue bonds for the Peru refinery.

With Standard's hold broken, small independent oil companies were organized. One of the first was the Uncle Sam Refining Company at Cherryvale with other entrepreneurs starting manufacturing plants in 1905 in Longton, Paola and Niotaze.

In 1906, six more refineries were added and by 1909 every city in the oil counties had its own refinery.

Even without the state-owned refinery, Peru went "oil mad". Wells were even drilled in the city cemetery where monuments were soon blackened by a rain of the black mineral.

# Physicians Who Practiced Here in the Good Old Days

Here is another in a series of articles printed in an anniversary edition of The Caney Chronicle in November of 1920, which tells about pioneer happenings in this community:

Dr. T. A. Stevens has lived 45 years in and near Caney and gives below a list of and comment of those who have practiced medicine in Caney since 1875:

Dr. A. M. Taylor,  
Dr. W. P. Phillips,  
Dr. W. E. Brown,  
Dr. John Stevens,  
Dr. J. G. Devere,  
Dr. W. P. Booker,  
Dr. J. J. Stone, and  
Dr. William Fugate, who are deceased. They have given up the fight and gone over.

Some of them were noble men and deserve a refuge -- home worth while -- and believe He will properly care for them.

We will imagine a level plain, people may occupy, with towns, cities and farms in their pursuit of subsistence, prosperity and happiness. There is an incline of say 15 degrees, of miles in length and breadth, all covered with ice, the edge or precipice of which is void of danger signs or precautions to prevent child or adult from slipping over its edge.

Here a little child slips over; it catches at some rough place in the ice and crawls nearly to the top, to slide farther down the incline before catching something to again stop it. It is nearly exhausted. You have procured a rope and throw it. It catches it and you pull it to safety.

Another has fallen over. This time it is a mother of small children. She is a lady who has measured up to the standard set for noble women. She has rapidly and uninterruptedly descended nearly to the dark abyss. You have exhausted all your resources to rescue her. You have summoned expert assistance with no avail. She has gone to that bourne from whence no traveler has re-

Wilson have located elsewhere.

Drs. J. A. Rader, H. Bradley, J. W. Minner, H. L. and Hattie Aldrich, W. P. Howell, C. W. Rhoads, W. F. Coon, F. Reynolds, F. C. Dennis and T. A. Stevens are living and residents of Caney.

Drs. John Stevens and W. P. Phillips died in 1887, in the same week, from diphtheria.

Dr. R. W. Higgins located in Oklahoma City and became a millionaire real estate man.

Dr. W. E. Brown went to Arkansas and organized a life insurance company. He was an uncle of Governor Charles W. Brown of this city, principal chief of the Osage tribe of Indians, and E. E. Brown and ex-Governor Alfred Brown of Caney.

Dr. A. M. Taylor lived an honorable life in Caney 50 years until his death two years ago.

Dr. W. P. Booker, whose highly respectable family lives here, practiced medicine here for 25 years.

Dr. J. A. Rader is the longest a resident of Caney -- 30 years -- unless it be Dr. J. W. Minner, whose residence in Caney dates back to a time not remembered by the oldest settler.

Physicians of the present and future, as well as in the past, will continue to relieve suffering and prolong life. Were it not that the average life in the past 25 years has been raised from 33 years to 42 years, we might say:

"Doctored right or doctored wrong,

People seem to live about so long."

Until 1901 Kansas had no law regulating the practice of medicine. Anyone could become a doctor over night, provided he could get patients. The prohibition law passed in 1881 provided that liquor could be sold on physicians' prescriptions. One Dr. Clover, living west of Caney, had a large practice. He was up against it -- he could not write.



## Burning Well, Caney Attraction

In connection with Caney's 77th birthday sale, Mrs. V. C. Wal-law has written for The Chronicle a brief description of the famous burning gas well that attracted international attention to Caney in 1905.

Her account follows:

In the winter of 1905 the big gas well, five miles southeast of Caney, was struck by lightning and the fire that resulted could be seen for many miles.

The problem was how to extinguish the fire. Oil and gas experts came to Caney from New York, Pennsylvania, California and other states.

The fire roared for six weeks before they conceived a successful method. A large iron hood was made and put in a position so it could be lowered over the well and smother the flames.

The first well came in at 60 million cubic feet, the second at 74 million. Caney was really put on the map.

My father, J. T. Shultz, was sick and mother had taken him to Hot Springs, Ark., so my youngest sister, Mrs. Charles Evans, and I operated the hotel.

A carryall bus hauled passengers to and from the burning gas well, making four trips daily.



## Mr. & Mrs. Wennihan Celebrate 50 Years

HAVANA -- The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Wennihan will be observed with open house June 13 at their home in Havana, Kan. Friends and relatives are invited to call between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

The couple's four daughters and their husbands will host the event. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Mary) Carter of Coffeyville; Mr. and Mrs. Leon (Belle) Wiley of Sunnyside, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne (Viola) Harris of Richland, Wash.; and Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Gertrude) Donnelly of Independence. The Wennihans have 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The former Stella Bell and Owen Wennihan were married June 1, 1921, at Independence, Kan. They have lived in the Havana community all of their married life.

Mr. Wennihan has been a lifelong farmer. Mrs. Wennihan was connected with the school lunch program 20 years.

They are members of the Havana Grange. Mrs. Wennihan has been a member of the Rebekah Lodge over 51 years.



# Lives of Caney Pioneers Are Changed by A Band of Gypsies

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The story of how a band of gypsies changed the lives of one of Caney's pioneer families is told by Mrs. V.C. Wallar, 209 South State, and bears repeating on this 103rd birthday of the Sunflower state.

In the fall of 1882 Virginia and Taylor Shultz were living on a rented farm close to Decatur, Ill.

A band of gypsies came through the vicinity telling fortunes.

They were in two wagons and one stopped at the field where the father was shucking corn and offered to tell his fortune in exchange for five bushels of corn.

The other wagon went to the house and a proposal was made to tell the mother's fortune in exchange for some smoked hams.

The father and the mother each had their fortunes told. The

mother was asked if she had relatives in the West and she replied "Yes, three sisters." The gypsies said "You are going to sell out and move West."

In six weeks time the family had sold out everything except the furniture. They had \$2,000 in cash and were on an excursion train headed for Independence, Kan., where the mother's sister resided.

The father was leading the older daughter and son and the mother was carrying the youngest child and a little handbag.

In that handbag was \$2,000 in cash and some articles of apparel for the baby.

As the family got off the train a stranger offered to carry the baby but the mother gave him the handbag instead--money and all.

For a time the father was almost frantic but when the crowd thinned out the stranger appeared and returned the handbag--and the money was all there.

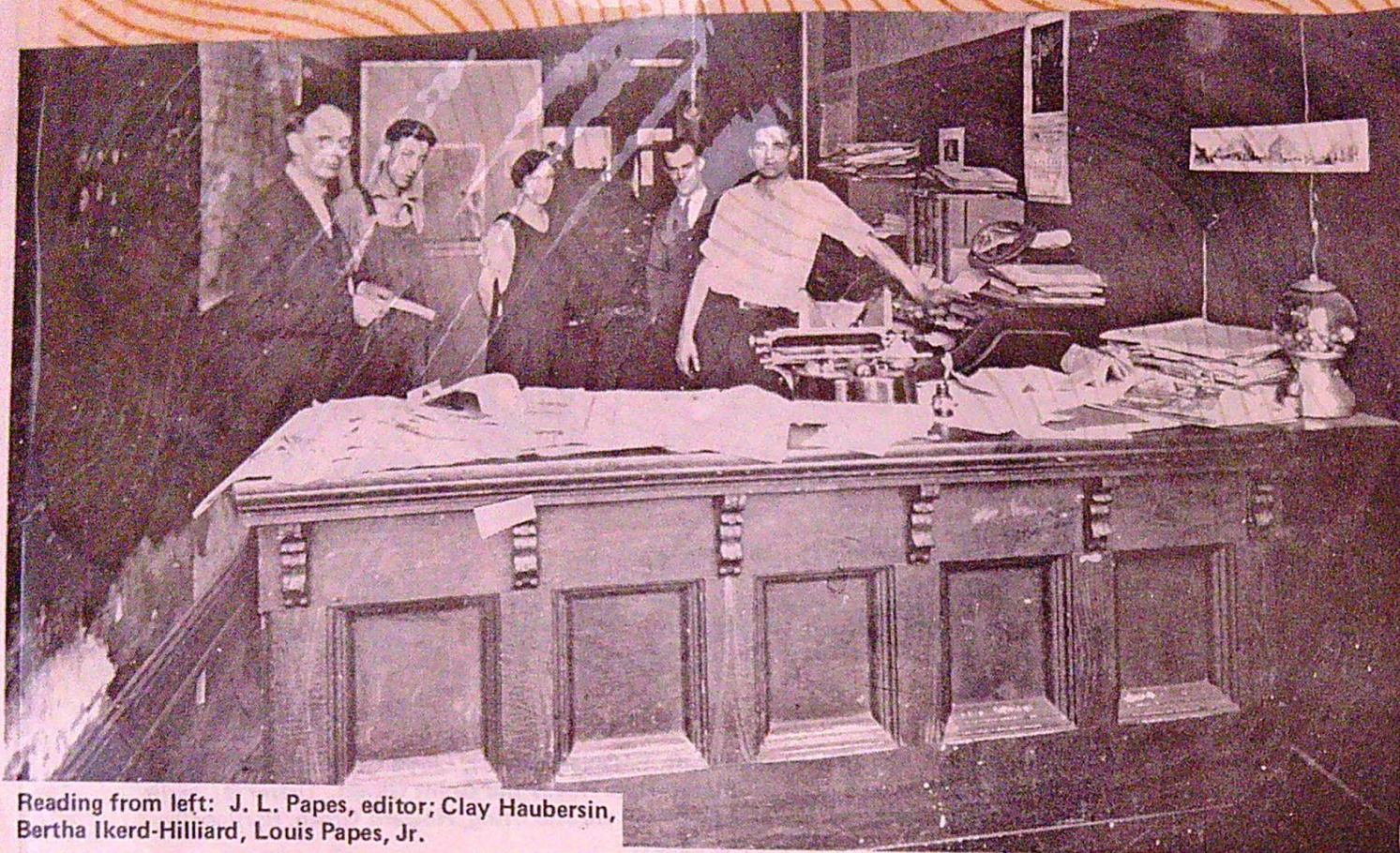
Mrs. Wallar was the baby and the father and mother were her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Shutz, who owned and operated the Palace Hotel in Caney for many years.



AN EARLY-DAY PHOTO OF MRS. WALLAR

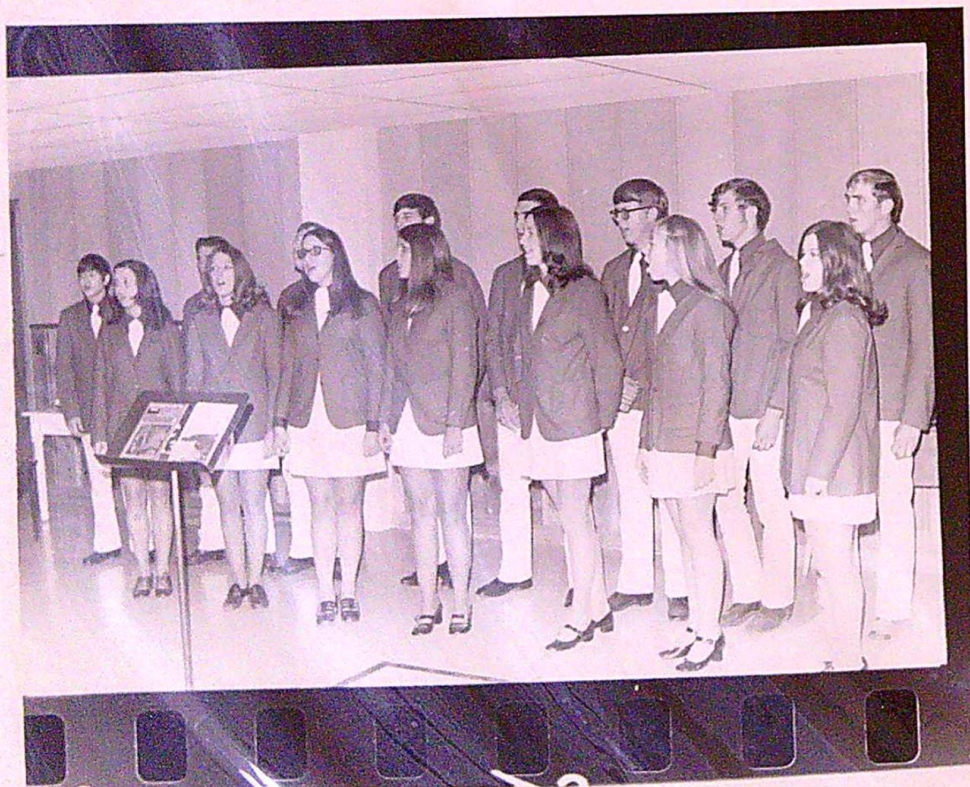






Reading from left: J. L. Papes, editor; Clay Haubersin, Bertha Ikerd-Hilliard, Louis Papes, Jr.

Caney Chronicle. about 45 years before the Centennial. The counter in foreground was discarded about 1960. The inch thick solid walnut top was used for a coffee table top. It was made by Joe Harmon and now is owned by Joan and George Paine of Oswego, Kansas







## How Caney Got Its First River Bridge

By Ivan Pfalser

The old Caney River bridge abutment, which can be seen from the north side of the present bridge, remains as a monument to the ingenuity and persistence of the pioneers who settled this area.

When the early settlers arrived, the Ennosville Ford, about 1-1/2 miles south of Caney, was the only convenient wagon ford. There were several pony fords but no other wagon ford for many a mile up or down the river.

Consequently, anyone going east or west had to drop down into Indian Territory to cross. This included stage and mail service as well.

Naturally, people living in the Cascade and St. Paul areas complained about this and requested the county to put in a bridge for a direct route into Caney. The residents of Caney also wanted the bridge.

### Loss No Votes

But the Montgomery County Commissioners had no fear of being voted out of office by these Chautauqua County residents, so all requests were turned down on

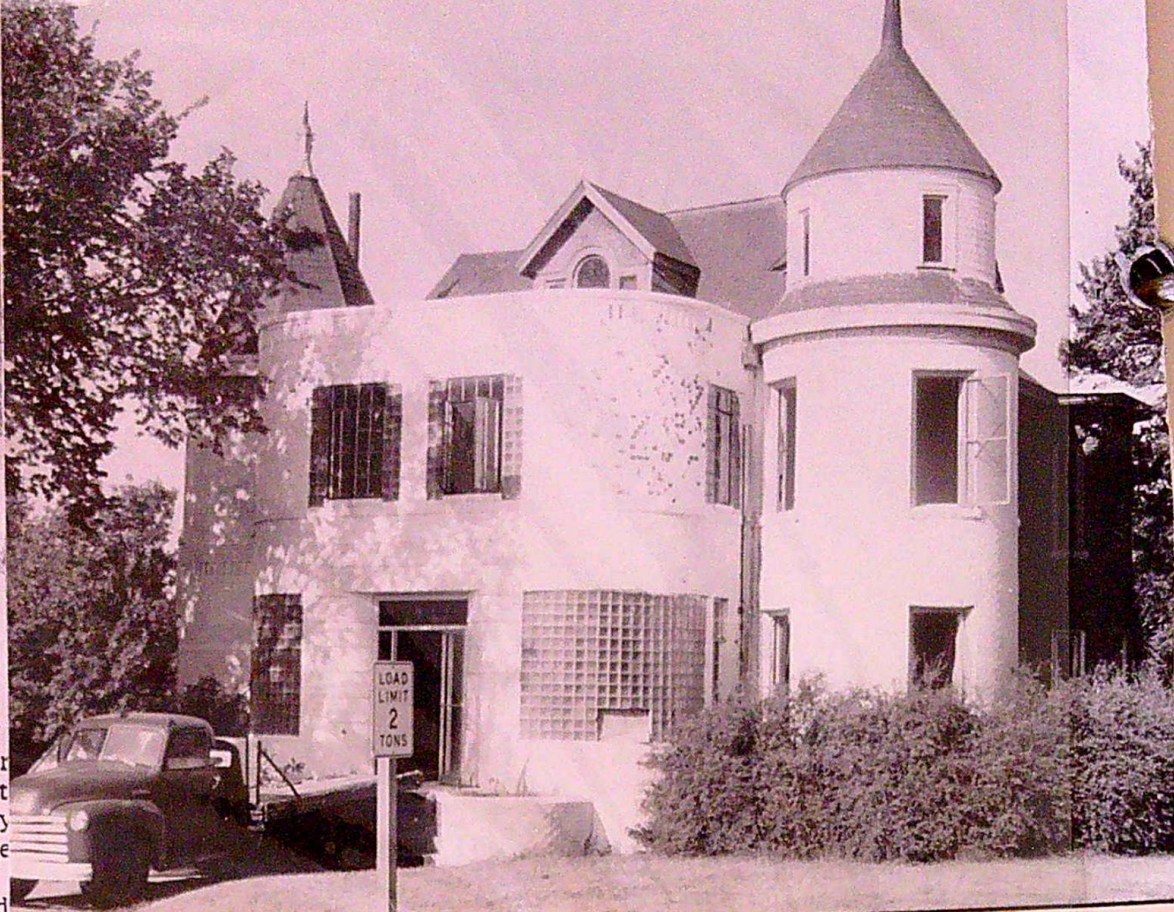
were needed more in other areas of the county and that there wasn't enough money appropriated for a bridge construction that year.

The settlers grumbled and went on about their farming until one day it was reported that a relatively new bridge, which had been built at Mattagert's Mill on the Verdigris River, had collapsed, due to one of the abutments giving way.

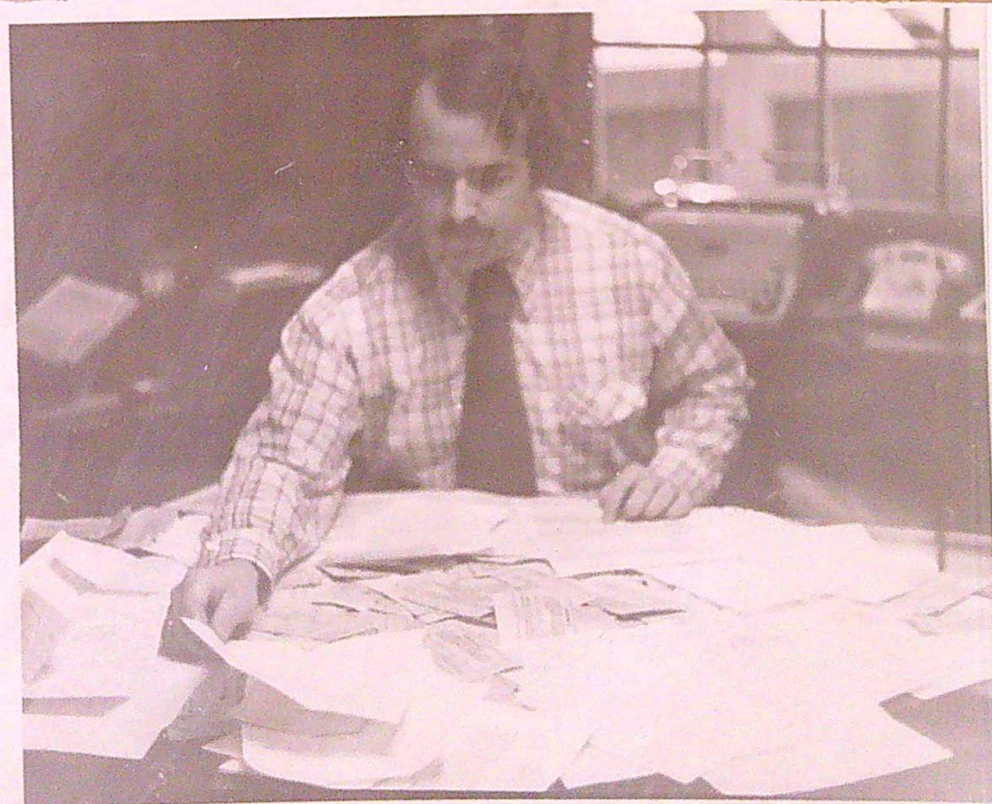
This caused considerable talk about the integrity of the commissioners. Capt. Stone of Caney, who had a lot of political influence in the county, proposed to the commissioners that the bridge be moved to Caney.

Assembling a work crew, wagons and teams, the settlers with no more authority than Cap Stone's proposal, proceeded to appropriate the bridge, lock, stock and barrel and move it to the site west of Caney.

Upon finding their bridge stolen, the commissioners made a few threatening remarks and then just as quickly decided it would be too much trouble to move the bridge back to its original location and proceeded to



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# Editorial Comment

## Early-Day Caneyites Weren't Timid

Recent articles in The Chronicle regarding early-day Caneyites and pioneer experiences in this community have created lots of interest among readers.

It has created in the present editor a new admiration for the men and women who made Caney a fine community.

I have realized since moving here 23 years ago that at some time in the past -- as now -- this town was "home" to people who believed in the town and in themselves. They were willing to risk personal comfort and personal

finances to make the city grow.

Take the case of Col. Porter, subject of a story in today's paper. He made trips to Europe to obtain financial backing for proposed railroads. He and four other business men once risked their personal fortunes to organize a company to bring gas to Caney. He lost \$20,000.

Early-day Caneyites were a sturdy, intelligent, forward-looking group of citizens. Even today we benefit by their willingness to risk to promote a better town. -- HKG.

## Early-Day Caney History

Early-day Caney history is revealed in this interesting article, printed in an anniversary edition of The Chronicle in 1920, under the caption: "Wife of First Physician Has Had a Busy Life in Caney." Read it:

Mrs. A. M. Taylor, wife of the first doctor to practice in Caney, and mother of Mrs. Harry Graves, is still living at her home on North State Street.

She is a dainty little woman, 87 years old, with silvery hair which hangs in braids. She is an invalid and confined to her home, therefore the reporter's interview was short, but full of interest.

"We came to Caney Nov. 30, 1870, from Wisconsin, in a covered wagon," she began, "and for a week we lived in our wagon.

"We then built a house. There were already four or five, on two acres which the government had sold to the Indians as a reservation.

"There was no church, no school, not anything but wigwams and a few buildings.

"We had two sons, Charles Oscar and Willie. When Willie died at the age of nine we decided that we must start services of some sort in Caney, so Dr. Taylor and I took things in hand, and canvassed members for a Methodist church, and I am proud to say that my name was the first written on the church roll, in 1872.

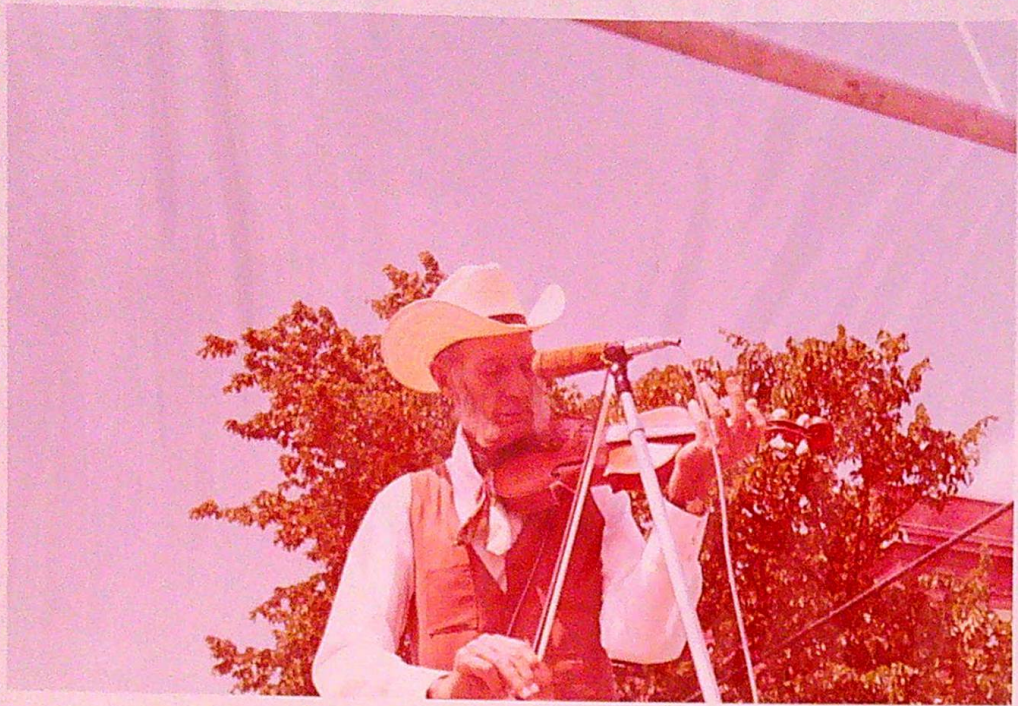
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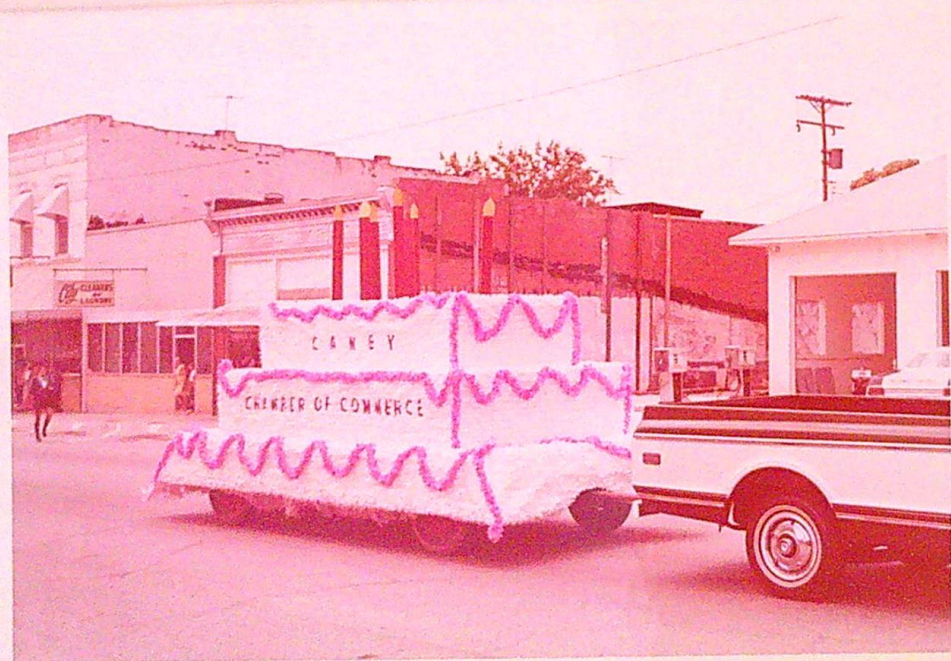
















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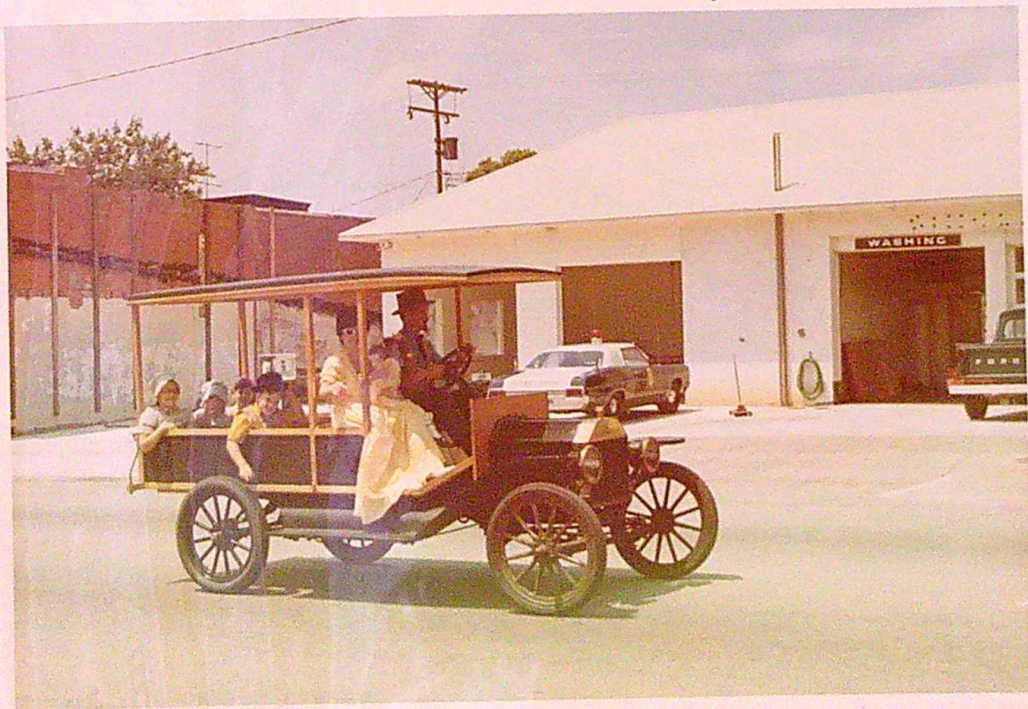




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