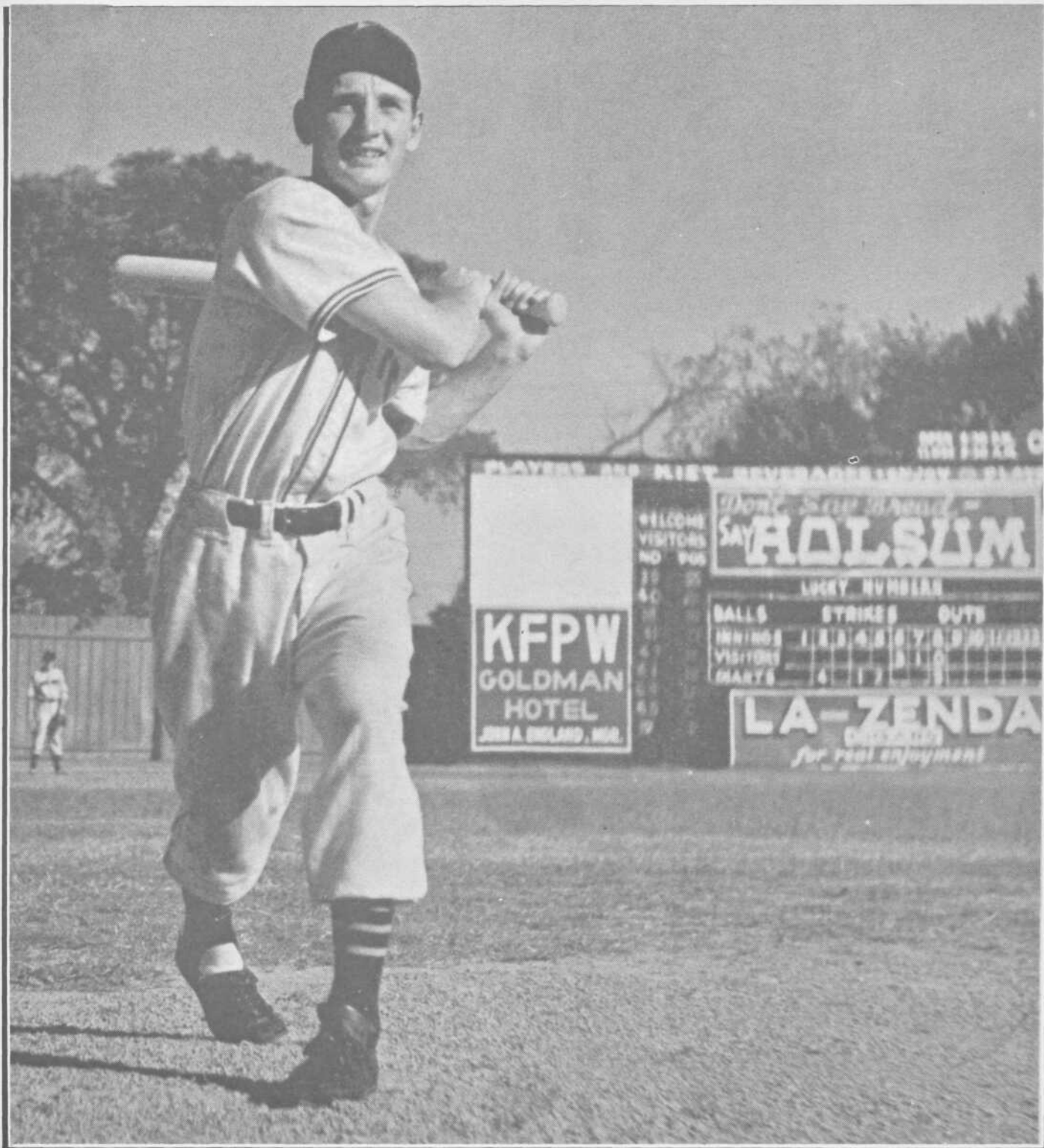


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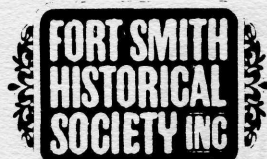
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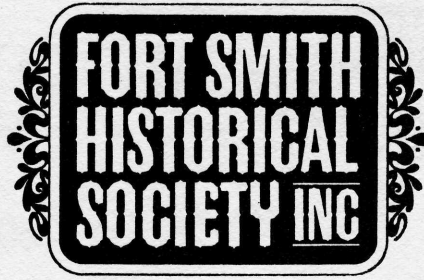
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Dear Reader:

Time really flies when you are having fun! We all have heard this statement many times, but as simple as it is, I believe that it aptly describes the Fort Smith Historical Society's first seven years.

It is difficult to realize that we are in our eighth year and this issue of THE JOURNAL is the sixteenth edition. Truly it has been an exciting time for all who have been associated with the society's activities.

The society was fortunate in having strong aggressive leadership and many capable workers during its formative years. This provided a strong foundation and an excellent environment for growth in both the quantity and quality areas. In other words, we have the potential to do more and do it better. We live in an area that has limitless historical resources just waiting to be explored.

The Fort Smith Historical Society is an official sponsor of the Arkansas Sesquicentennial Celebration. Arkansas' 150th birthday in 1986 provides the society with an excellent focal point for short range planning. During the next two years there will be many opportunities for our society to make major contributions to celebration activities. The sesquicentennial year will rekindle an interest in the history of our area and the society will benefit in many ways.

I encourage all of our readers to become active in the Fort Smith Historical Society. We need participants with any level of expertise in history. All you need is to have an interest in local history. Our members are our most valuable asset.

Most sincerely,

C. B. Pat Porter, Jr.

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BASEBALL

by
Barbara Minor¹

The Game

Pioneers on the Arkansas frontier had heard the Choctaw Indian cry "Chie-ne-a!", which translates to "play ball", and had witnessed the bloody and brutal game in a form resembling la crosse, but Fort Smith's involvement with the sport of baseball began after the Civil War.

History names Abner Doubleday of West Point, New York, as the designer of the baseball field in 1839, and Alexander Cartwright as the originator of the game and its rules in 1845. The first baseball game was played in Hoboken, New Jersey, June 19, 1846, on Elysian Fields between Cartwright's team, the Knickerbockers, and the New York Nines.

Uniforms were introduced in 1851.

Baseball was an immediate hit. The national Association of Baseball Players was formed in 1857. There were 25 baseball clubs by 1858, the year Fort Smith became a first class city with a population of 2,500. The original incorporation act of the county court for the establishment of Fort Smith was granted in October, 1840, and the first municipal government was organized on November 2, 1840. Fort Smith was incorporated as a second class city in 1842.

The game swept the country, galloped with the Army from camp to post, crossed the country in covered wagons, and became the first truly American sport. Soon it belonged to the people and changed from the status of the gentlemen's social game to professionalism and big business. Teams were organized into leagues and associations. Rules were changed. Bats, which had been fashioned like sticks used for the game of cricket, were introduced in a new shape. Overhand throwing was allowed for the pitch. Uniform recommendations for gloves and balls gave the Spalding sports products a start.

The Cincinnati Red Stockings, formed in 1869, was the first professional team, and in 1870 it played 65 games against Brooklyn without a defeat. Baseball had become America's National Pastime.

The reputation of the game's greed-ridden participants, sponsors and managers suffered the disgrace of scandal, gambling, and cheating. Reorganization of

the governing bodies dealt justice to its own. The National League was founded and regulations were drawn up which remained the same well after World War II.

Fort Smith had not as yet felt the impact of the sport. Spectator sports were somewhat limited by the size and location of the town. Except for the Choctaw ball play, racing was the only other draw.

Later, after Reconstruction in the South, the population shifted; immigrants from abroad, freed slaves, adventurers, businessmen, and travelers by rail and river, settled in Fort Smith.

Young "colored boys" in Fort Smith and Van Buren had their baseball matches reported in the newspaper as early as 1879. By 1880 there were over 3,000 residents in Fort Smith, and baseball teams from Fort Smith and Van Buren engaged in contests. It was not unusual for an evening match to be held in the United States Courthouse enclosure. The game reportedly drew a large crowd.

The same year, the first County Fair was held but the featured ball game was that played by the Choctaw Indians. Isaac C. Parker, who made the opening day speech, also presented the \$50 prize to the winning side. For several years, the highlight of the Fair was the ball play.

Even Judge Parker was not exempt from baseball legend. The tongue-in-cheek fable states that he was such an enthusiastic fan of the game that he once promised a prisoner clemency if he could pitch his team to a win. The outcome has never been verified.

With the reorganization of the National Association, minor leagues were designated in 1900. Arkansas became eligible in 1902 when El Dorado, Hot Springs and Pine Bluff were among the teams playing in the Cotton States League. Fort Smith, for a time, played in the Texas and Oklahoma League, but joined the Western Association League in 1911. It was rated Class C based on its population, its ball park capacity, and season attendance. Also grouped with Fort Smith were Topeka, Hutchinson, Salina, Leavenworth in Kansas; Joplin, St. Joseph in Missouri; and Muskogee in Oklahoma. It remained this way until 1950.

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Since coming to Fort Smith, she has written for the *Arkansas Times* and the *Southwest Times Record*, lectured at the Writer's Workshop, worked on Oral History Project for the King Opera House, and authored articles for Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony.



Fort Smith-Van Buren Ball Club, 1928

Left to right, top row: Andrew Wally, Outfield; G. Welker, Catcher; Louis Catani, Outfield; Clifford Paty, Pitcher; Herbert Kregel, Outfield; Jimmie Bryan, Outfield; Frank McCartney, Catcher.

Middle row: Tex Covington, First Base; Fay Pierce, Short Stop; Willard Ford, Pitcher; Jack Ervin, Pitcher; John Cimpi, Pitcher; Johnnie Mousner, Utility.

Bottom row: Dick Gifford, Pitcher; Ben Weaver, Pitcher; Runt Marr, Manager, Third Base; Jim Patterson, Pitcher; Stephen Toner, Pitcher. Courtesy John England.

Participation was inconsistent. For instance, Fort Smith dropped out the same year it joined because the Association disbanded due to schedule revisions. The team, Fort Smith Twins, joined again in 1912 and 1913, but in 1914, the association again was not active. It was also disbanded during the Great War Years 1918-1919.

There was a new organization in 1920 and 1921. The Twins won their first pennant in 1927 and another one in 1929. During the Depression, the entire league was not active.

Wesley Branch Rickey played ball from 1905 until 1913 when he became the non-playing manager of the St. Louis team in the American League. In 1919, he became manager of the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League. Branch Rickey became the father of the farm team.

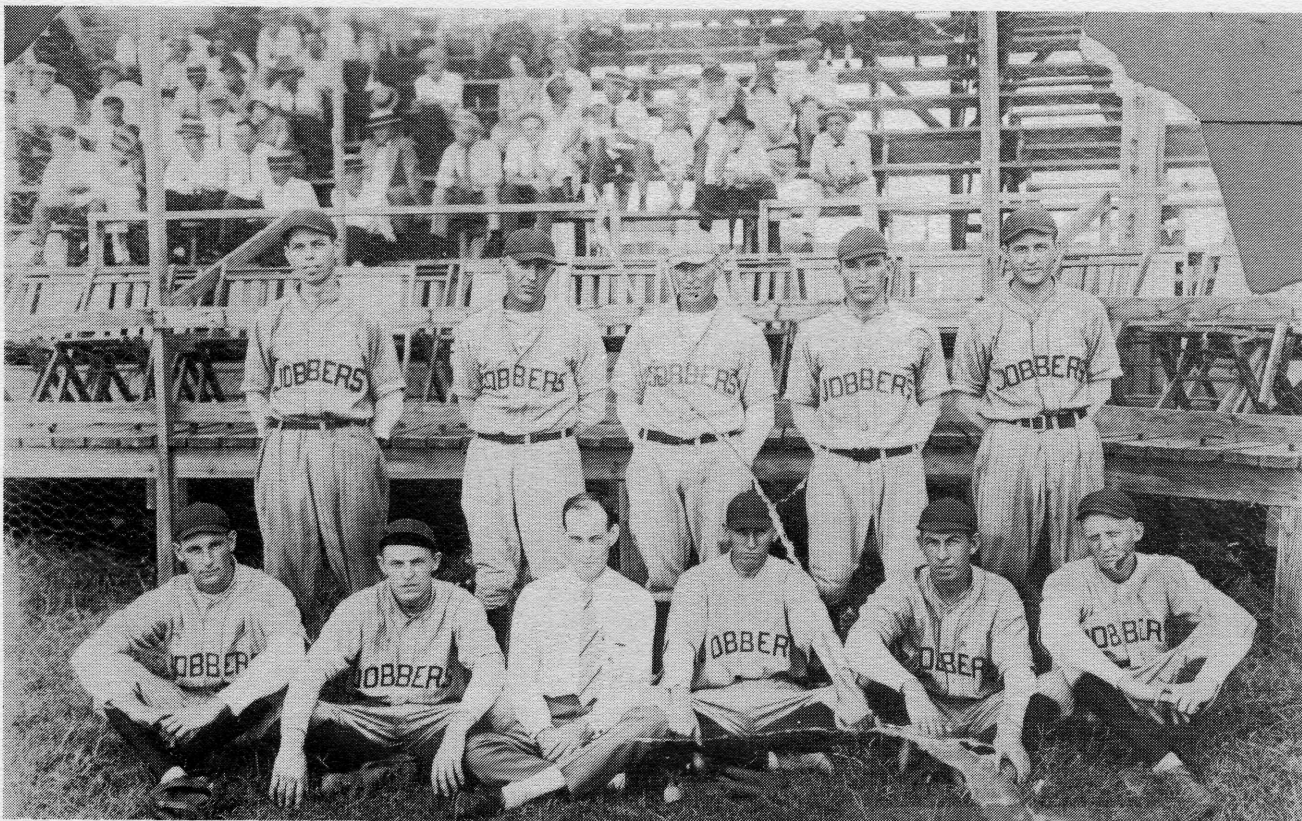
He told the owner of the Cards, Sam Breadon, "Let's grow our own talent. We can round up promising young prospects and develop them on our own minor clubs." This was because they couldn't afford to buy star players. The farm system was based on the affirmative talents of running, throwing, and hitting. By the year 1926, the Cards were on their way to winning pennants. The first team Rickey controlled was Houston, of the Texas League, when he bought up 18%. The second team he bought was in Fort Smith, the first club

designated as a link in the St. Louis Cardinal chain system. It was here that Rickey started his experimental farm club system, which has been credited with "saving the life" of major league baseball.

In 1953, when the farm system was fading from Fort Smith, there was another Fort Smith Twins. This team was not a farm team, but had a working agreement with the St. Louis Cardinals and the local businessmen who sponsored it.

During the early years of baseball, there were Inter-City Leagues — teams playing between Fort Smith and Van Buren with names such as Twin City League and Fort Smith City League. These were strictly amateur players. The Van Buren Merchants would play against the Fort Smith Retailers. Some of these would play games with teams in Arkansas and Oklahoma and schedule the meets to coincide with railroad excursions. Some of these teams were called Traction, Jobbers, and Baracca.

Games were played at League Park located on Midland Boulevard. When the law forbade Sunday games in Fort Smith, the event was moved to Arkoma and Alexander Field in Moffett, Oklahoma. A streetcar line was laid in Arkoma to transport baseball fans to the games, and a streetcar line was planned to Moffett, but it was never built because of the problem of crossing the Arkansas River with tracks.



Jobbers, 1924, won 52 games and lost 12.

Back row left to right: Earl "Shine" Reynolds, Jack Tinder, Sid Barrey, Ted Schoeppey, George Wallace (General Mercantile Store in Van Buren).

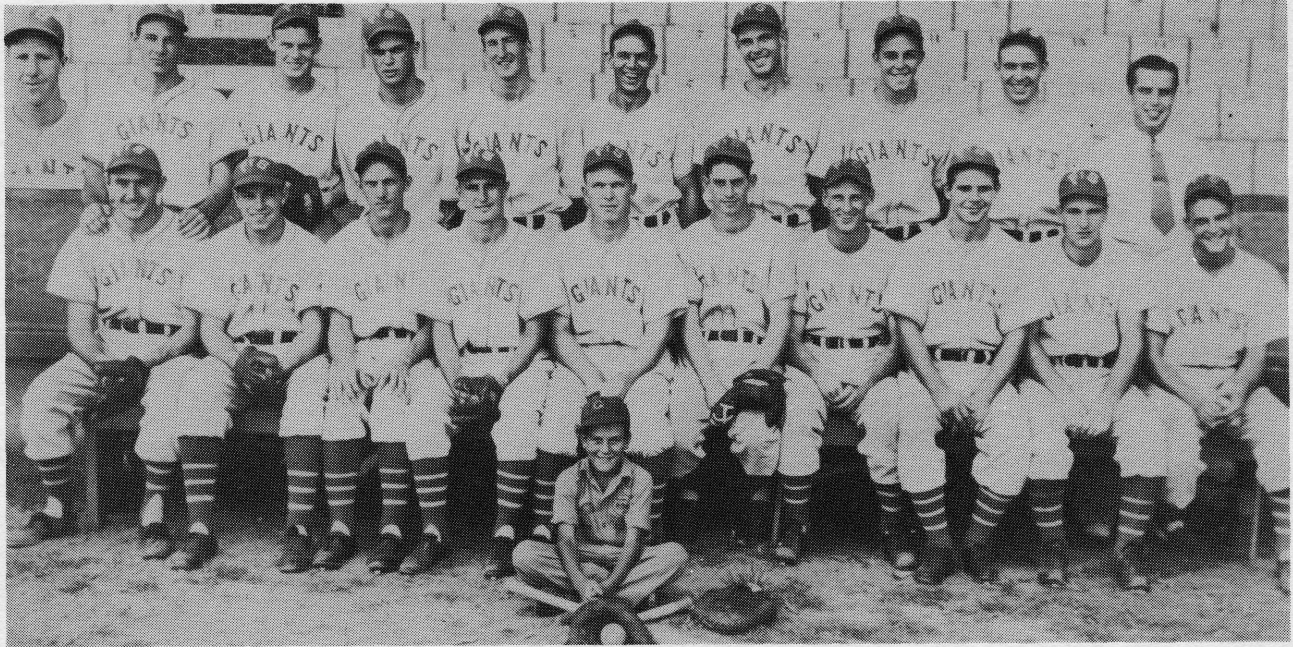
Front row left to right: Joe Hassler, Eugene Johnson (W.A. Johnson's Men's Ready-to-wear), E.D. Simpson (Witherspoon & Co. Jobbers—the team got its name "Jobbers" from this firm.), Floyd Gayer (salesman for Sunshine Crackers), Guy Grace (Atkinson-Williams Sporting Goods, which furnished all bats and playing material), Floyd Sanders (with Morrison-Morton Drug. Co.). Courtesy Ted "Boob" Schoeppey.



Giants 1939, Western Association Champions

Standing left to right: Secretary-Treasurer Herman (Hank) DeBerry, Ted Frank, John Schroeder, Tommy Neill, Jim Sheehan, William Von Ahnen, Harry Feldman, Walter Shinn, Charley Murphy, John Kelly, Business Manager Don Billingsley.

Kneeling left to right: Ed Stucin, Ray Baker, Joe Maresca, Manager Herschell Bobo, Pete Pavich, Wilbur McGill, Austin McGee, Steve Tramback, Billy Norvell, Billy Flippin (in front). Courtesy Don Billingsley.



Giants, circa 1940

Standing left to right: "Red" Ed Sheehan, Frank Mancuso (Catcher), Tom Neill (Outfielder), John Mekiti (Pitcher), John Kelly (Pitcher), Floyd Perryman (Centerfielder), Bill Ford (Outfielder), John Schroeder (Pitcher), Herbert Anderson (Pitcher), Don Billingsley (Manager).

Seated left to right: Harry Feldman (Pitcher), Arthur Sinclair (Pitcher), Glenn Steward (Third Base), Joe Luber (Pitcher), Frank Brazill (Manager), Wayne Black (Shortstop), Ray Baker (Outfielder), John Toncoff (Catcher), Bill Nowak (Second Base), Fred Price (First Base), Billy Flippin (Bat Boy). Courtesy Don Billingsley.

Andrews Field, located at South 5th and B in Fort Smith, was completed in time for use by Branch Rick-ey's farm team. The field was named for John Andrews, the man who headed the committee to fence the field which is two city blocks from the National Cemetery.

Ironically, in 1908 the St. Louis Cardinals asked \$250 for playing an exhibition game in Fort Smith, but did not play the game when the feasibility of profit was negative. This was just five years after the first modern World Series.

After the New York Giants played an exhibition game here April 8, 1937, drawing a record-breaking crowd, a farm team was organized the following year which was owned outright by the New York Giants. Don Billingsley was the business manager of the team called the Fort Smith Giants. The advent of World War II interrupted his career. His job was then taken over by Al Peacher. During the years 1943, 1944 and 1945, the team was off the field. It rejoined the Association in 1946, operated by the Fort Smith Baseball Company. C. Grady Secrest was the business manager until the Giants' franchise was moved to Enid, Oklahoma, in 1949.

For two seasons, in 1951 and 1952, the Cleveland Indians of the American League farmed a team in Fort Smith. After 1952, there was no working agreement with professional teams, and the Fort Smith Baseball Club became known as Fort Smith Twins and was owned by Fort Smith and Van Buren merchants.

Those who know blame the demise of professional baseball in Fort Smith on television and the lack of transportation. The capricious support of the public could not guarantee the vital gate receipts. The fans turned from the farm team outdoors to the big league action pictures indoors.

There is one semi-professional baseball team today: the Fort Smith Red Sox Baseball Club. It was formed in 1979 and is a member of the National Baseball Congress. The State tournament of the Congress, which is held here in July, determines which team competes in the National Tournament where scouts from the major leagues watch.

David Allen is the coach and general manager and founder of the Club. A dozen of his players have signed professional contracts. Home games are at Westark Community College.

Also in Fort Smith are amateur baseball teams in Little League, church, Boys Club, and American Legion leagues through high school age.

The Westark Community College Lions play from March to May.

Superstitions

Whether it be putting on the left shoe first or carrying a rabbit's foot charm in the right hand pocket, it is a fact that ball players, in general, are superstitious and look to good fortune in the same manner as gamblers, sportsmen, competitors, sailors, and actors.



Fort Smith Giants, 1948

Top row, left to right: Marvel Rhyne, Milt Narron, Bob Brown, Chet Owens, Murphy Falk, Jack Oragon (Manager), and Grady Secrest.

Middle row: John Olsen, Dean Crooks, Ralph Lucas, Rickey Rowe, Arden Potter, Harvey Gentry, Bill Goff.

Bottom row: John Tramelli, Ron Samford, Morris Cook, Dean Lampros, Gip Dickens, Jimmy Grave. Courtesy John England.



Bus Fort Smith Giants traveled in. Courtesy Grady Secrest.

Some fancies of chance practiced during Fort Smith's farm team days have survived for nearly half a century by the telling and some, self-perpetuating, are in use today.

Although most men, usually, would conform to certain unwritten principles such as never stepping on a baseline, there were those whose individuality in courting Lady Luck have not been forgotten. It wasn't at all unusual for a pitcher on a winning streak to wear the same sweat shirt every game. When Wayne Kistler played for the New York Giants farm team, his shirt helped him win 16 games in a row. Another pitcher, Bob Hendricks, ate the same breakfast menu each day he pitched: tomato juice, toast, and a relaxed egg — the latter known as a fried egg, sunny side up.

Red Tramback was a first baseman who would step up to the plate, step back, then spit on his hands before he was ready to bat.

Some of their names have been lost in the mists of time, but their secrets have not. When playing on the road, there were those who believed in getting out of bed on the same side every morning. Dressing the same way before the game (putting each garment on in exactly the same order as the game before) was the sure way of gaining another victory.

A universally unspoken rule was that nobody would touch another player's glove in the field.



Fort Smith Twins, 1954

Standing left to right: Cotton Hill, ? Blackburn, Alton Robinson, H. Brooks, unidentified, Ted "Boob" Schoeppey, Sparky Watts, Hank Feldman, Jim Charles, Wayne Kistler, Clair Bates, Delmer Edwards.

Kneeling left to right: unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, Clarence Higgins, Joe Ropollo, Babe Cialone, Bufford Horne, P. Rothrum, Shorty Lau, R. Turnipseed, Loyd Kimmons, unidentified. Courtesy Ted Schoeppey.

There was a player who wouldn't swing at a pitched ball until he had hit home plate with his bat. Another wouldn't cross a baseline under any circumstances and would walk completely around the diamond if necessary to avoid crossing in front of home plate.

On the distaff side, wives were cautioned to never speak of it if their husbands were on a shut out.

Whether or not the custom of looking for a leg up was followed sincerely or in fun by these baseball players, and whether or not the terrestrial probabilities were influenced by the belief, is moot.

The Uniform

The shiny "hard hat" baseball caps the players wear today is only one of the significant head-to-toe changes in the uniforms. If this construction worker style head-covering seems drastic, it must be remembered that with only the protection the big-billed soft caps provided, many men in the past had been injured, often seriously.

Transition was more gradual than sudden.

Farm teams in Fort Smith, from the earliest St. Louis Cardinals, Detroit Tigers, and first years of the New York Giants, wore kangaroo skin shoes. These were soft and would stretch to the foot. They weren't worn after World War II. The sanitary socks, worn next to the skin, were thin, white cotton, wore out fast, and cost 25¢ a pair. These were replaced by nylon and cost \$1.25 a pair. The stirrup hose of yesterday are still worn over the sanitary socks.

The Space Age and plastics have streamlined the game and uniforms. Artificial turf has taken away the clouds of dust that settled around a close call on a stolen base. The baggy, heavy flannel uniforms have given way to sleeker cut ones of lighter weight.

The most outstanding change in the dress is color. The very first color used with a uniform was red for stockings. The basic uniform over the years has been white — slightly greyed, slightly blued. Trim and wording in team color followed. Players are now decorated with brightly colored uniforms, sometimes in more than one color, matching or in contrast.

Fort Smith's farm teams in their heyday wore grey road uniforms and white for home games, usually lightweight wool. Trim was in royal blue for the Giants, red for the Cardinals, and blue for the Indians. The Giants wore hand-me-downs. They got last year's clothes from the majors with the players' name tags still sewn in them. In the 1980's, tradition stands and home games are still played in white.

Fort Smith has seen many greats of the game on its own turf, Dizzy Dean and Bob Feller among them, loping off the diamond, instead of riding in a motorized cart, waving to cheering fans; breaking bats on a home run hit, not denting metal ones; running to catch a high infield fly, without the help of an outsized glove. The original purpose of the glove was only to protect the hand.

With the variations of uniforms and equipment, the lively ball and man-made grass, the player of the sport is expected to throw harder, run faster, and hit harder for the business of baseball.

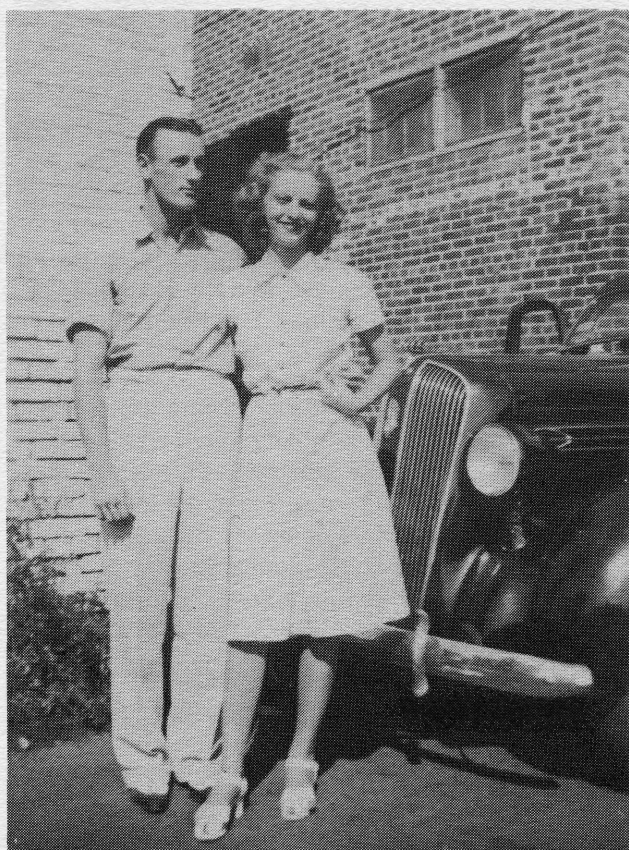
Their Brides Remember

The New York Giants played an exhibition game in Fort Smith April 8, 1937, and the following year a farm team was established here. During those first years just prior to World War II, three young men from out of state who played with the New York Giants baseball farm team married local girls and became permanent residents of Fort Smith.²

The first one, Charles Ray Baker, who was described as "a soft-spoken Virginian", was a center fielder and the fastest runner in the Western League. Helen B. Westbrook gave up a Hollywood career for love. They were married August 18, 1938.

Harry Feldman of the Bronx, New York, passed through Fort Smith on his way to spring training in Miami, Florida, to be with Laretta Myatt on her 21st birthday anniversary in February of 1941. They were married March 3, 1941.

In 1939 Wayne Kistler was playing in a commercial league in Galveston, Texas, when the Giants saw him. They sent him to Fort Smith in 1940 where he met pretty Betty Bohannon. They were married the next season, June 28, 1941.



Ray and Helen (Westbrook) Baker, August, 1938

Helen B. Westbrook was a beauty queen. She had been a cheerleader at Fort Smith High School, Homecoming Queen more than once, a runner-up in the Ozark, Missouri, Ozark Smile Girl contest, most popular girl in high school, Miss Lake Fort Smith, Freshman Queen and cheerleader for the Razorbacks at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and Rodeo Queen.

Bob Burns of Van Buren, Arkansas, was with Paramount Pictures in Hollywood, California, when, in 1937, he and several others from the Paramount studio attended the opening of the viaduct over the Missouri Pacific Railway Company tracks in Van Buren. The winner of the beauty contest was to be offered a screen test at Paramount. Miss Westbrook was the winner, went to Hollywood, was screen tested, and offered a contract.

In Hollywood, she appeared in two stage productions. Her act consisted of doing impersonations of Jimmy Durante, Mae West, and Zazu Pitts.

When she came back home, she began working in her parents' restaurant which was located at Towson and Garrison Avenues. There she met Charles Ray Baker with other players who would frequent the restaurant. When he asked her for a date, she refused. When she eventually did accept a date to go to a picture show, she insisted they "go Dutch" because she didn't want to appear like some of the girls who were chasing after the ball players.

She didn't go back to Hollywood and the contract was forfeited. The college education was interrupted, and at the age of 18 Helen B. Westbrook was married to Charles Ray Baker on August 18, 1938, at the Dodson Avenue Methodist Church.

Miss Iris Murphy was bridesmaid, and another Giants player, John Toncoff, was best man. The bride wore a teal blue crepe dress and a matching hat adorned with tiny pink and blue flowers. A reception followed the game that night.

The bride remembers that before the game at Andrews Field the whole city gave them gifts — this had never happened before, and was due to the groom's popularity.

For almost two months, the new Mrs. Baker³ kept a cooking secret from her husband. Every morning, breakfast was surreptitiously delivered to the apartment from the restaurant.

Mr. Baker's career was contained locally. In the winter, he worked for American Express. He became manager of the Muskogee Reds, and later started scouting for the Houston Astros.

The Bakers had a son and two daughters: C. Ray Baker, Jr., Toy B. Baker, and Theda Varie (Mrs. Ronald Jackson).

2. Although there were other weddings, including one on the field, these are the only couples we have record of who made their home in Fort Smith.

3. Mrs. Baker is now Mrs. Howard E. Mapstone.



Harry and Lauretta (Myatt) Feldman

One of the first farm players in Fort Smith was Harry Feldman. He came with the farm team in 1938 and again in the 1939 season. Before he was contracted to the Jersey City, New Jersey, Giants team, he had met Lauretta Myatt on a ferris wheel ride at a carnival.

He promised her that he would celebrate her 21st birthday anniversary with her on February 25, 1941.

He did. He was on his way to Miami, Florida, for spring training and was scheduled to leave Fort Smith March 5. They were both 21 years old. Their wedding took place March 3 in the Immanuel Baptist Church parsonage.

The bride wore a dress fashioned with a white chiffon top and a navy blue skirt. Church friends who were also baseball fans, Virgil and Flossie Sewell, stood with the couple. Their three sons worked in concessions at the ball park.

It wasn't until April that the newlyweds were united again, this time in Trenton, New Jersey. The Feldmans ultimately moved to the Bronx where Harry Feldman pitched for the Giants in New York.

During the war years, Hank, as he was called, was drafted, but was rejected because of a bout with tuberculosis in childhood.

After a stint of playing baseball in Mexico, Hank Feldman returned to the United States and pitched for the San Francisco Seals. In 1949 he was immortalized on a baseball card as Hal Feldman.

For a time, he was treated for the tubercular condition in a sanitorium in Booneville, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Feldman were parents of five children: James Harry Feldman, Martha Kay (Mrs. John F. Gardner, III), Deanna Sue (Mrs. William A. Lux), Elizabeth F. (Mrs. Wendall L. Brodie), and Laura L. (Mrs. Michael Fairfield). They retired to Fort Smith in 1951 and became the owners of Elmore's, a record store which is still in the family. Hank Feldman devoted much of his time to the youth of this city. He died March 16, 1962⁴, but Hank Feldman Field perpetuates his memory.

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**Birth Announcement
of Martha Kay Feldman.**

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appropriate color for a girl, pink.**

Courtesy Chris Allen.

4. After Hank Feldman's death, Mrs. Feldman married Karlh Leding.



Wayne and Betty (Bohannon) Kistler surrounded by bags of popcorn.

Betty Bohannon might never have met Wayne Kistler if it hadn't been for his shoulder injury. He was from Topeka, Kansas, and when he was a junior in high school the family moved to Dallas, Texas. When he finished high school in Galveston, Texas, he was awarded athletic scholarships in baseball and football. He chose the latter and during his first season of play for St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, he suffered the injury.

Wayne Kistler went back to Galveston to recuperate, and when he was healed, he turned to baseball. He was pitching on the Dr. Pepper team in a commercial league when he was spotted by the Giants.

During his second season with the farm team, he and the 17-year-old Miss Bohannon decided to get married. With a group of well-wishers accompanying them, the bridal party left in the middle of a Saturday night baseball game in which Wayne Kistler was not playing and eloped to Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

Later, his contract was sold to the Jersey City Giants, but he opted to stay in Fort Smith. From 1942 to 1945, he served the nation at war in the Seabees, the Special Services Construction Battalion of the United States Navy. He was stationed in the Aleutian Islands.

When Wayne Kistler returned to Fort Smith, he played with semi-professional teams such as the Fayetteville Merchants and pitched winning games in national tournaments. Eventually he retired from baseball and after serving with the Fire Department became a businessman. Mr. and Mrs. Kistler now operate the S & B Popped Popcorn Company, Inc., located at 917 Garrison Avenue. A major share of the profits from this business goes to the Gregory Kistler Treatment Center for Handicapped Children, which was founded by Wayne and Betty Kistler. Named in memory of their son who became handicapped and later died as the result of an accident, the physical therapy clinic is open for children from one to eighteen years of age and treats children suffering either from birth defects or disabilities resulting from accidents.

Opened in 1978, the non-profit treatment center is funded by tax-free charitable contributions. The clinic has recently moved to 923 Lexington Avenue.

In addition to Gregory, the Kistler children are: Penny (Mrs. Roger English), Mitchell, Stephanie (Mrs. Gerald Hyman), and Jennifer (Mrs. Ed Brown).

Wedding at Home Plate

Jo Anne Young became the bride of Robert Lee Melton July 19, 1951. Both were 19 years old and both were from Phoenix, Arizona. The groom was a third baseman for the Fort Smith Indians and was married in his uniform at Andrews Field prior to a scheduled game with the Muskogee Giants. Unfortunately, a flood in Kansas had prevented the umpires from traveling to Fort Smith and the game had to be cancelled that night.

The double ring ceremony was performed at home plate by Lt. Col. John W. Kilburn, Camp Chaffee chaplain. Jim Drummer, a pitcher, was best man, and Mrs. Drummer was the matron of honor.

After the wedding, the Indians, dressed in their uniforms, formed two facing lines with raised bats crossed in an arch under which the newlyweds left the diamond to be greeted by Paul O'Dea, the team manager, who presented them gifts from local merchants.

BASEBALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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ANDREWS FIELD

by
Sarah Fitzjarrald

The site for Andrews Field, comprising four city blocks, lies between south Fifth and Seventh Streets, and South B and D Streets. The property, included with other properties, was ceded to the city of Fort Smith by a Congressional Act dated May 13, 1884, and reads in part, "... and the same, is hereby granted to the city of Fort Smith, to be held in trust by said City for the use and benefit of the free public schools of the single school district of Fort Smith, and to be applied to the benefit of all children of school age without distinction of race."

Fort Smith enjoyed an early love affair with baseball, and games were played at locations all over town, including Stadium Park which was bordered by Carnall Street, South 9th Street, and Wheeler Avenue. League Park was across the street south of the present Kay Rodgers Park where a motel has been located

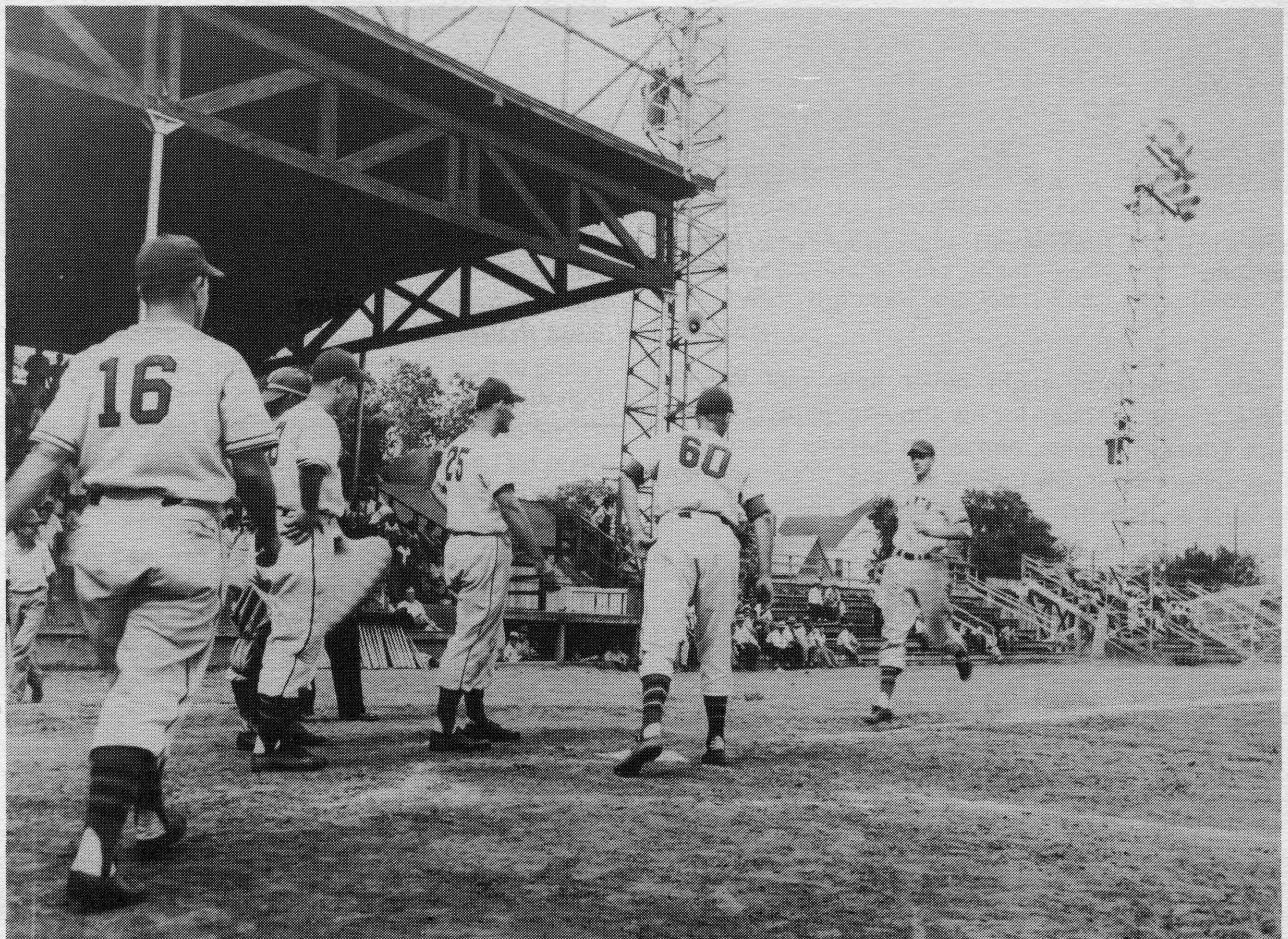
for some years. Later, Feldman Park was built which is east of Old Greenwood Road and runs from South O Street to South S Street.

On Sundays, in order to avoid the blue laws, games were played across the State line in Oklahoma at Arkoma and Alexander Field at Moffett, Oklahoma.

Grady Secrest, manager of the local club for many years, remembers that Rogers Hornsby played in the old Texas and Oklahoma League of which Fort Smith became a member.

In 1907, the Fort Smith Soldiers played in the O.A.K. League (Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas).

Baseball, like June, was "busting out all over", and in 1908 the song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" was written by Albert von Tilzer, whose pseudonym was Jack Norworth. It was popularized by the well-known Nora Bayes and was to become what is referred to as



Home Plate Andrews Field, 1947. Courtesy Grady Secrest.

the "national anthem of baseball". Oddly enough, Norworth wrote the song twenty years before he saw his first ball game.

In 1919, John M. Andrews, Sr., President of the Public Schools Athletic Association, began a fund-raising campaign to build a park on the site granted in 1884. He and the Noon Civics Club raised enough money to construct a \$25,000 grandstand and baseball diamond. They sold planks for a dollar a piece to build the board fence around the park. The facility, named in Andrews' honor, was dedicated in May, 1921.

Three years after Fort Smith became a farm club of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1923, Fort Smith sent Chick Hafey, Taylor Douthit, Flint Rhem, Jake Flowers, and E. D. Clough to the majors to help the Cardinals win their first pennant against the Cincinnati Reds. Others from the former Twins to win lasting fame in Cardinal livery were "Wild Bill" Hallahan, Carey Selph, Allyn Stout, Gus Mancuso, Pepper Martin, and Don Hurst.

The Cards were then pitted against the American League champions, the New York Yankees, in the World Series, and they had their hands full. The year was 1926, and Lou Gehrig and Babe Ruth were already on their way to their time-honored records.

It was the third time in three years that the World Series games went the limit and the Cardinals, under the management of Rogers Hornsby, took the win in a 4-3 classic.

In 1928, Fort Smith ceased to be a farm club for the Cardinals and subsequently became a farm club for the Detroit Tigers.

During the three years the Detroit Tigers operated the local club, they developed Jerry Walker, Hubby Walker, Luke Hamlin, Joyner White, Charles "Buck" Marrow, Frankie Reiber, Lynwood "Schoolboy" Rowe, and Al Todd.

Other stars who did a part of their preliminary training in Fort Smith included Charley "Boss" Schmidt, catcher for the Detroit Tigers, and "Iron Man" Joe McGinnity of the Giants.

In the mid-1930's the annual spring bouts, exhibition games between the New York Giants and the Cleveland Indians, were played at Andrews Field. These games lasted until the beginning of World War II.

On April 8, 1937, some 6,500 fans, a new local record, packed the stands to watch the 1936 National League champions, the New York Giants, in a contest with the outstanding Cleveland Indians of the American League.

Bob "Rapid Robert" Feller was 18 years old at the time and pitched three innings for the Indians under the management of Steve O'Neill.

Giants' manager was Bill Terry. Pitcher was "Prince Hal" Schumacher, and catcher was Gus Mancuso.

Mancuso had caught for the Fort Smith Twins in the Western Association in 1924. Roy Weatherly, out-

fielder for the Cleveland Indians, had played with the Twins in 1930 when they had been in the Detroit Tiger system.

The late Johnnie Porter, sports editor for the *Southwest Times Record*, predicted in his column that it was doubtful if even the major leaguers would hit any homers over the fence. "Every board in the fence," he wrote, "is 360 feet, 5 inches from home plate, a fair poke in any league."

But Hal Trosky and Earl Averill, both of the Cleveland Indians, did just that. However, Mel Harder, another great Cleveland pitcher, came on in the fourth but was tagged with a dozen hits, nine Giants' runs, and the loss of the game.

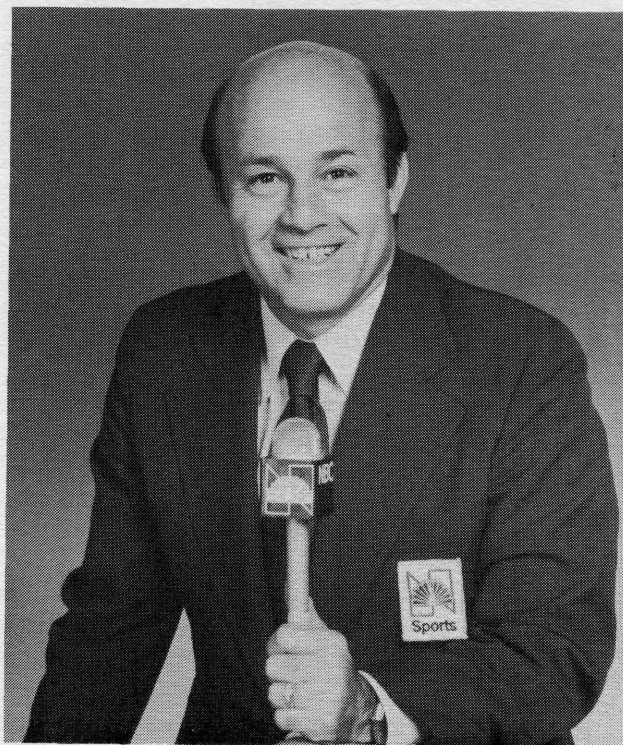
Trosky and Averill made the only two runs for the Indians, and the score was 9-2. Mel Ott, home run king for the Giants, was up to bat four times but could get only one single against Feller and Harder.

Grady Secrest relates that the enthusiasm of the Fort Smith fans was so great that the Giants placed a farm club here the following year (1938). Secrest also recalls that it was probably the moment of greatest glory for Andrews Field.

The following year, 87,578 fans attended games in the park, an attendance record in the Western Association.

Dizzy Dean pitched a game for the Chicago Cubs against the St. Louis Browns in April, 1940. Approximately 3,500 fans turned out for the game, and it was also a memorable event for the field.

Joe Garagiola played a game at Andrews Field for the Springfield (MO) Cardinals in 1942 (also Western Association).



Joe Garagiola. Courtesy Joe Garagiola and NBC.

In a letter received recently by your editors from Garagiola, he recalls two things about Fort Smith — the big beautiful park and the announcer who made the rounds to announce the starting pitcher and catcher.

Garagiola wrote that he was catcher that night and the pitcher's name was Art Cyralewski. "It sounds like an audition," he said, "and I must say he didn't pass it that night with those two names."

(Everybody in the country can now say "Garagiola", but "Cyralewski" might give some of us a little trouble. Ed.)

The announcer that night was the legendary George Rye who is remembered for his large megaphone and his showmanship.



**George Rye. Photo by Mitchell Studio.
Courtesy Grady Secrest.**

Rye was also a florist. In those days, slogans were the nitty-gritty of advertising and they were all over the place on board fences and buildings. Rye's slogan was "Some Florist".

Jimmie Barry is credited with the following story which appeared in Tom Blake's column of the *Southwest Times Record*.

Barry relates, "One old acquaintance (wish I could remember his name) told me the story of George Rye's slogan.

"Only building on the Plaza was Rye's greenhouse with its florist shop in front on 11th Street. Rye's slogan, 'Some Florist', may have been the most profitable in town.

"There was no Florist Telegraph Delivery Association in those days. If a local retailer died, a St. Louis

wholesale house would wire via Western Union or Postal Telegraph, 'contact some florist and order flowers for us'.

"Since Rye was 'Some Florist', he would get the business."

Garagiola also wrote in his letter, "I should remember this because I didn't hit that many, but I think my first home run in Organized Baseball came in the Fort Smith ball park."

Fort Smith is most happy to accept that honor.

Andrews Field has served Fort Smith well. It was the site for the first real rodeo in Fort Smith. Fort Smith High School played their football games there, and later the field was used by the Boys Club and St. Anne's High School for football practice sessions. For a time it was used for wrestling matches; a platform was placed in front of the grandstand for the wrestlers.

A record crowd turned out in the early 1930's for a political rally. Louisiana's Huey P. Long attended and made a speech for Hattie Caraway who was campaigning for her deceased husband's office. She won and made a good Congresswoman.

A tornado in the early 1960's wiped out the west side of the grandstands and the remainder of the stands were cleared away. All that remains of the original structure are the concrete stands which are approximately 250 feet long and 12 tiers high.

Under the direction of Jimmy Vaughn and Charles Elkins, a massive clean-up and reconstruction got under way for the renovation of the park in the early 1970's.

After \$30,000 and a very large number of volunteers, the park was again dedicated for use — this time for the Sebastian County Softball League. Vaughn's wife, Claudia, was then and still is the District Commissioner of the Amateur Softball Association of Arkansas. The date was May 18, 1975.

Fort Smith is proud of its role during the so-called "golden years" of baseball before television when the fans stormed the gates to root for their favorite teams. And the list of the "greats", by no means complete, reads like a "Who's Who of Baseball". Some of those who either played at Andrews Field or visited Fort Smith are Carl Hubbell, Branch Rickey, Rogers Hornsby, Pepper Martin, Jo Jo White, Gerome (Dizzy) Dean and his brother Paul (Daffy) Dean, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Bob Feller, Mickey Mantle, and the aforementioned Joe Garagiola.

We are particularly proud of those who became a permanent part of our town — Hank Feldman, Charles Ray Baker, and Wayne Kistler.

Andrews Field was the hub of activity for professional baseball in Fort Smith. Not to be overlooked, however, were the amateurs. They were made up of teams owned by various business firms — Fort Smith Gas Company, Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, First National Bank, Draughton's Business School, and

Fort Smith and Western Railway Company — to name a few.

Grady Secrest played only one professional game but played for many years with the amateurs as centerfielder.

Ted "Boob" Schoeppey was one of the leading pitchers for amateur teams. He pitched in a tournament in 1953, at the age of 57, and received the Certificate of Merit, All-District Player. In the same tournament, he also received the Louisville Slugger Batting Championship Certificate for batting 1000.

Andrews Field now consists of four fenced playing fields. Three of them are used by girls' softball teams and the other is used by the Boys Club baseball team.

The ball is bigger and the bat has changed. Again, there are many business firms who boast their own softball teams. Baseball is still around, but softball seems to be prevalent.

One has only to drive around on any warm summer evening to see the crowds of people gathered to watch their favorite teams perform at the various parks of the area. A lot of people are definitely not sitting in front of the television set. It seems that wherever a ball and stick are found, a game begins and the fans gather.

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Gene Bessent
Don Billingsley

KAY EAKIN

ARKANSAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME

By Amelia Martin

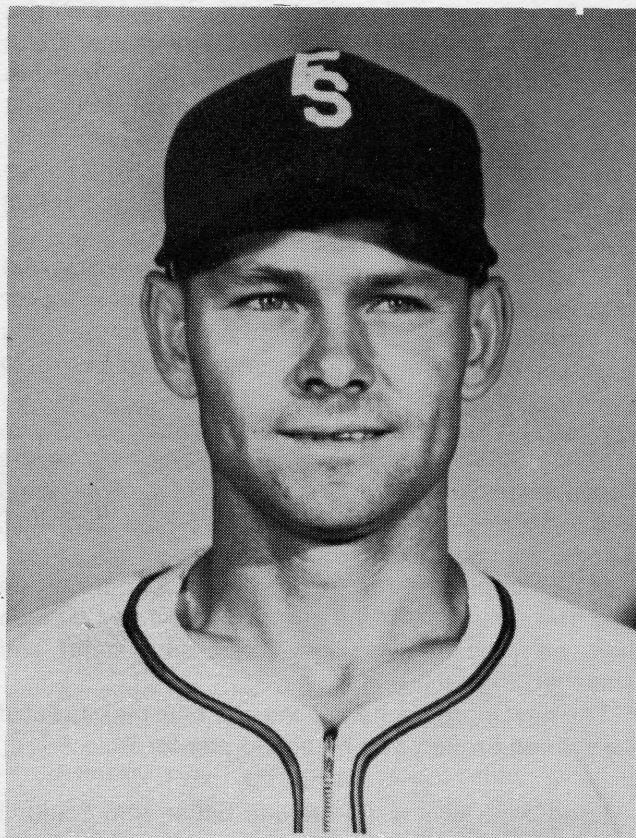
Inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, February 24, 1984, Kay Eakin has starred in both baseball and football — two sports careers which overlapped from 1940 through 1946 except for three years military duty, including overseas duty with a replacement depot in France.

After outstanding performance on the Arkansas Razorback football team (1937, '38, '39 — team co-captain in 1939), he began a full-time sports career by signing contracts in 1940 to play pro football with the New York Giants and baseball with the Fort Smith Giants — football during season and baseball in the summer. He was playing in a Giants' football game in New York on Pearl Harbor Day.

After discharge from military service in December, 1945, Eakin returned to sports — baseball in Fort Smith and football for one year with the Miami Seahawks.

Mr. Eakin is a native of Marianna, Arkansas, but made Fort Smith his home when he came here to play baseball.

In 1946 he met and married Doris Kavanaugh, a native of Effingham, Illinois, who had been transferred to Fort Smith by the company she worked for, Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. 1946 also brought a change in career—sports to banking. He retired from banking in 1976 after thirty years with the Merchants National Bank of Fort Smith.



Kay Eakin, 1946

Courtesy Grady Secrest.

HITS AND ODD BALLS

Bill Slates was the best radio baseball announcer Fort Smith ever had. He knew the game upside down and had an uncanny ability to report games from teletype. He was offered the job to announce for the St. Louis Cardinals.

He chose to stay in Fort Smith, however, and became manager for three radio stations and a television station. His voice and diction were flawless.

Now deceased, he is still greatly missed by his many friends and fans.

The popularity of baseball was shared by nearly all the surrounding towns. In Heavener, Oklahoma, for instance, everything in town was closed on the afternoons when games were played, and the only way a person could buy a soft drink was to go to the game.

In the early days, the First National Bank had a team which was playing at Stadium Park — amateurs. Across the street, on the corner, was a large two-story house. The people who lived there had a parrot.

During the game, a hitter slammed a home run through an open upstairs window and killed the parrot. The owners brought suit against the bank, but the case was settled out of court.

Andrews Field had a high wire-mesh fence in front of the grandstand. There was a gap, however, of about eight inches between the top of the fence and the overhang of the roof on the grandstand.

1946 was a very bad year for the local club. They could not win one double-header. But things changed. They won the very first game of the first double-header in the 1947 season.

Earl Wolgamot was manager, and in his ecstasy he picked up a ball with the intention of throwing it over the grandstand. Instead, it sailed directly through the gap, hitting a lady in the grandstand. She was taken to the hospital.

"Long John" King was a prime candidate for the "meanest player" award. He had a lot of showmanship and threw everything he had into his temper tantrums. The fans loved it.

He once chased the owner of the concession up and down the seats of the grandstand. Failing to catch him, he proceeded to the concession stand and smashed everything in it.

The next morning, he told the owner to make a list of everything broken and he would pay for it.

Long John was a left-handed batter who couldn't stand left-handed pitchers. He remarked once that they all went overseas during World War I and brought

back with them all the left-handed pitchers they could find.

Another story attributed to King was that he was playing outfield at Andrews Field one time and the batter slammed one over the fence. King was so angry he tossed his cap over the fence, tossed his glove over the fence, and then went over the fence himself — and didn't return to finish the game.

Long-Bell Lumber Company owned a team in the amateurs which played against the Wortz Biscuit Company team. The lumber company had a band which performed from the flat bed of a large truck. Wortz had their own Ozark Smile Girls' Band (Journal, September, 1983).

The band on the truck would play a number, and the Smile Girls on the other side of the field would respond. It made for some confusion for the players, but fun for the fans.

When wrestling matches were held at Andrews Field, about sixty college students descended on the site and tore down about sixty feet of the fence.

One amateur player was known for his "golden arm and two-bit brain". He couldn't leave booze alone. Sober, he was a great pitcher. Consequently, before a game someone would put him in a car and drive him around all day to keep him away from the grog.

Mary Wakefield remembers that the St. Louis Cardinals games were always exciting. She got in free because her father was an usher.

A spectator's jaw was broken when a batter hit a ball that fouled in back of the catcher.

Alfred Cohn was a great fan of the game and always held a reserved box seat behind home plate. He tried hard to rile the opposing pitcher by shouting such good-natured invectives as "Get the water hot!"

Joplin was the St. Louis Cardinals' biggest rival, and it was that team that got even with Cohn one night at the field. Eight of the Joplin fellows got Cohn, carried him to an eight foot tub of water and dumped him in, much to the delight of the fans.

Knot Hole Tickets were free passes given to boys 8 to 14 years old who took a pledge to behave themselves. Grady Secrest remembers one lad who crawled over the fence to get into the game. He asked the youngster if he had a Knot Hole pass. The kid said

that he did. "Then why didn't you come through the gate?" Secrest asked him. The boy shrugged and replied, "I don't know."

Secrest sent him back over the fence and around through the gate. "Guess he just wanted the thrill of coming over the fence," surmised Secrest.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don Billingsley! Billingsley, business manager for the Giants in the late 1930's, had occasion frequently to visit a local printer to have game tickets printed. There he met a young lady by the name of Pauline Ewing, who worked in the office. Billingsley and the former Miss Ewing were married September 3, 1943. That is a ticket worth having!

"A match game of baseball was played on Saturday last in the rear of the Fishback Block between a colored club from Van Buren and some of the colored boys of this place. The former were defeated by a score of 30 to 16."

This item was printed in the Fort Smith newspaper May 2, 1879, the first recorded game.

The last major exhibition game played in Fort Smith was between two black teams in 1958. All Star players, including Hank Aaron, played a black minor league team.

The New Era, Fort Smith, September 11, 1884:

A new baseball club, the Clippers, has been organized here to play during the Fair.

The Clippers of Oak Bower played the Border City Baseball Club of this city last Thursday. The Fort Smith boys were 49 to the Oak Bowers 20.

In the 1940's, a baseball-shaped sign showed scores of the games. It was on the corner of 5th and Garrison Avenue.

Until 1954, when the Western Association dissolved, a farm team player who moved up from Fort Smith signed a contract entitled: "National Association of Pro Baseball Contract-Fort Smith Baseball

Club. 'Class C' National Association player's contract. Western Association League of the National Association of Pro Baseball Leagues."

The Kiwanis Club started Boys Club baseball in 1928. Church leagues were formed in 1957.

Until Andrews Field was dedicated May 29, 1921, games were played as far back as 1912 at Stadium Park, South 9th and Wheeler Avenue.

The Fort Smith Twins began and ended with the farm training system for the St. Louis Cardinals. In 1923, the name Fort Smith Cardinals was used. In 1953, the team was managed by a group of businessmen with a working agreement with the Cardinals and resumed its former name of Twins.

The American Legion started a baseball league for high school-age boys because the game was not played in the schools. There are five teams today.

When streetcar rides were a nickel, a passenger could travel across the State line and see a baseball game on Sunday in Arkoma. The tracks did not go to Andrews Field.

The Fort Smith Giants were paid between \$80-\$100 a month, got transportation, and room and board in private homes. To beat the heat, they would often go to the air conditioned Arcade Men's Store on Garrison Avenue and seclude themselves in the fitting rooms and while away the time reading comic books.

The grandstand at Andrews Field could seat 2,500, the bleachers about 6,000. Day games depended upon the gate and concessions.

There were an estimated 35,000 fans drawn by the Twins in the early 1920's. The franchised teams a quarter of a century later required a season's gate of 150,000 fans.

MANAGERS TO BAT BOYS

The following is a list of those who actively participated in the game of baseball in Fort Smith. It includes local talent as well as the "greats", and some who did not play but were necessary to the game. The list is not complete by any means. If you can add the name of someone who played on a Fort Smith baseball team before 1957, we shall be happy to run a supplemental list in the next issue of the Journal.

Adams, Tom "Lefty"	Anske, William
Adkins, Roy	Aragon, Angel "Bing"
Alexander, William	Aragon, Jack
Anderson, Herbert	Arhorn, Joe
Andrews, Bill	Arnold, L.J.

Autry, Duell
Averill, Earl
Baker, Ray
Barham, George
Barrey, Sid
Bates, Clair
Bauswein, George
Bennett, Richard
Bennett, Robert
Berstein, Jerry
Billingsley, Don
Blackburn, ?
Blake, Wayne
Blankenship, Sammy
Bliss, "Strawberry"

Bobo, Herschell
Brazill, Frank
Breadon, Tom
Brooks, H.
Bryan, Jimmie
Bryant, James
Burchfield, Gilbert
Carpenter, Bob
Catani, Louis
Cato, Leon
Charles, Jimmy
Cialone, Babe
Cimpi, John
Clifton, Roy
Clough, E.D.

Coleman, Ray	Harrington, Julian	McCartney, Frank	Rowe, Lynwood "Schoolboy"
Cook, Morris	Harris, Ralph	McElreath, Allen	Sain, John
Covington, Tex	Hassler, Joe	McGaffin, Charley	Samford, Ron
Craig, ?	Hatfield, Wilbur	McGee, Austin	Sanders, Floyd
Crawford, Marcene	Hendricks, Bob	McGill, Wilbur	Schoeppey, Ted "Boob"
Cross, Gerald	Higgins, Clarence	Mekiti, John	Schroeder, John
Curran, Joe	Hill, Cotton	Meyran, L.	Schumacher, "Prince Hal"
Cyralewski, Art	Hoopaw, Hugh	Moss, Howard	Scott, Ray
Dean, Clyde	Horn, Leslie	Mousner, Johnnie	Selph, Carey
Dean, Gerome "Dizzy"	Hornsby, Rogers	Murphy, Charley	Sheehan, Ed
Dean, Paul "Daffy"	House, Buford	Murphy, J.J.	Sheehan, Jimmy
DeBerry, Herman "Hank"	Howard, Frank	Neill, Tom	Shinn, Walter
Decroo, Jodie "Lefty"	Hurst, Don	Nichols, Roy	Simpson, E.D.
Delaporte, Don	Hubbell, Carl	Norvell, Billy	Sinclair, Arthur
Douthit, Taylor	Jackson, ?	Nowak, Billy	Solomon, Nick
Dvorak, ?	Jeremiah, John	Ott, Mel	Steinman, Martin
Eakin, Kay	Johnson, Eugene	Owens, Chet	Steward, Glenn
Edwards, Delmar	Johnson, Robert "Bo"	Oxley, ?	Stout, Allyn
Ervin, Jack	Kelly, John	Parsons, Sam	Stucin, Ed
Falk, Murphy	Kimmons, Loyd	Patterson, Jim	Tinder, Jack
Feller, Bob	King, John	Paty, Clifford	Toncoff, John
Fitzpatrick, Leo	Kirk, ?	Pavich, Peter	Toner, Stephen
Flowers, Jake	Kistler, Wayne	Perryman, Floyd	Tramback, Steve
Frank, Ted	Klaus, Richard	Pesana, Frank	Trammell, Lefty
Feldman, Harry "Hank"	Kregel, Herbert	Peterlich, Eli	Trosky, Hal
Flippin, Billy	Lau, "Shorty"	Peterman, John	Turnipseed, R.
Flippin, Frank	Lawson, ?	Pierce, Fay	Vandiver, Hookel
Ford, Willard	Lingle, Ben	Pratt, George	Von Ahnen, William
Garagiola, Joe	Linstrom, Fred	Price, Fred	Walker, Hubby
Gayer, Floyd	Luber, Joe	Pullig, Tom	Walker, Jerry
Gifford, Dick	Lupescu, Chick	Raguskas, Ed	Wallace, George
Goff, Bill	Lynch, Oscar Lee	Rapallo, Joe	Wally, Andrew
Gorman, Tommy	Mancuso, Frank	Ray, Kenneth	Ward, William
Grace, Guy	Mancuso, Gus	Reese, Pee Wee	Watts, "Sparky"
Gregory, Oscar	Mantle, Mickey	Reiber, Frankie	Weatherly, Roy
Grigsby, Bassell	Marcel, Tom	Rhem, Flint	Weaver, Ben
Gumbert, Ed	Maresca, Joe	Rhyne, Marvel	Welker, G.
Gunning, Art	Marr, Runt	Rickey, Branch	White, Harry
Hafey, Chick	Marrow, Charles "Buck"	Riley, John	White, Joyner "Jo Jo"
Hallahan, "Wild Bill"	Martin, Pepper	Roberts, J. Warren	Wisecup, John
Hamby, Willard	Martinovich, Nick	Robinson, Alton	
Hamlin, Luke	Mathies, John Paul	Rodriguez, Angelo	
Harder, Mel	Matthews, Franklin	Rotherum, P.	

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

by Mary Lou Jacobsen

FORT SMITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Fort Smith Historical Society Member:

Do you know how important you are to the publication of *The Journal*?

It is through ongoing support, such as yours, that we continue to thrive and expand. Please help expand our membership by telling your friends about *The Journal* and Society. Larger membership will mean bigger and better Journals.

Thank you. We need you and appreciate you.

Amelia Martin, Editor

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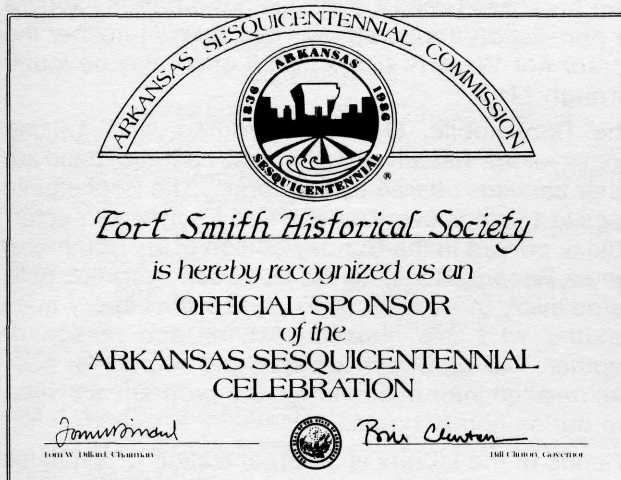
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A heartfelt "Thank you" to the following retiring board members: Thelma Wray, Mary Nell Euper, Rosalie Platt, and Amelia Martin.

When searching for the perfect gift for a special person — remember — a membership in the Fort Smith Historical Society.



The Fort Smith Historical Society is proud to be an official sponsor of the year-long celebration of Arkansas' 150th birthday celebration to be held in 1986.

State Representative Carolyn Pollan and Don Flanders, both from Fort Smith, are serving on the Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission of twenty members from throughout the state who were appointed during the summer of 1983 by Frank White, who was Governor at the time. Governor Bill Clinton has continued the commission. Chairman of the commission is Tom W. Dillard, Director of the Department of Arkansas Natural and Cultural Heritage. Other members are Bob Besom of Fayetteville, Mrs. Helen Boyd of Stuttgart, Dee A. Brown of Little Rock, state historian, Dr. John Ferguson of Little Rock, Mrs. Gwendolyn Floyd of Little Rock, Steve Gunter of Bentonville, Tyler Hardeman of Little Rock, James Leslie of Pine Bluff, Col. William H. Mayes of Conway, Mrs. Paula Moseley of Little Rock, Dr. Ruth Polk Patterson of Little Rock, Mrs. Katy Rice of Little Rock, Jerry L. Russell of Little Rock, Wilson Stiles of Little Rock, Marshall Vance of Forrest City, Mrs. Dorothy Webb of Little Rock and William B. Worthen, Jr. of Little Rock.

County chairmen will be coordinating local celebrations. Franklin Hawkins has been appointed by Sebastian County Judge W.R. Bud Harper to serve as the Sebastian County Chairman of the celebration.

The commission encourages all groups interested in participating in the celebration or persons interested in more information about the celebration honoring Arkansas' 150th birthday to contact:

Arkansas 150 Commission
The Heritage Center, Suite 200
225 East Markham
Little Rock, AR 72201

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May 11-12, 1985
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Start planning now to be an active participant in the 1985 tour. There is a place for everyone to be a part of this annual event.

FORT SMITH TEACHER HONORED

C. Ray Baker, Jr., teacher of Honors American History at Fort Smith Southside High School, was named 1983 winner of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. Mr. Baker was nominated for this award by the Fort Smith Chapter NSDAR.

The award was presented on April 17, 1984, in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Stanley Isaacks, Honorary State Regent of Arkansas DAR, represented Mr. Baker at the award presentation ceremony.



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Work is continuing to make the "clang, clang, clang" of the trolley a reality in Fort Smith.

Volunteers to assist in the project are always welcome. For information on how you can be a part of this project, contact the association at 2121 Wolfe Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72901, or call Art Martin at 783-1237 or Bradley Martin at 783-0145.

FRONTIER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Recipients of the 1984 Frontier Achievement Awards presented by the Social Studies Educators of the Fort Smith School District were: Laurabel Brocchus, Franklin Hawkins, Mary Lou Jacobsen, Phil White, Carl Wortz, and Carol Woods.

The awards are made in recognition of contributions of individuals to the preservation of Fort Smith historical or cultural heritage. Nominations for the awards are made by residents of Fort Smith.

FORT SMITH CIVIC BALLET

Jennifer York has been selected as the artistic director for the 1984-1985 production season.

The Fort Smith Civic Ballet will present three productions under her able direction.

December 1, 1984 - "The Nutcracker"

April 27, 1985 - "Hansel and Gretel"

In May at the Old Fort River Festival, the presentation will be "Maypole Faire".

OLD FORT RIVER FESTIVAL

May 16, 17, 18, 19

Four days of fun, food, and festivities.

The Fort Smith Junior League sponsors this special event.

RED STOCKING REVUE

March, 1985

The dates for this annual event sponsored by the Junior Civic League have not been set. It is an event that is a "must" on the calendar of things to do.

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514 North 6 Street

Open Tuesday through Sunday

Hours: 12:00 to 4:00 September through May

10:00 to 5:00 June through August

Sunday 1:00 to 5:00

Nominal donation for tour of the house.

Special tours can be accommodated. School groups and members are invited to be guests of the Clayton House.

Telephone 783-3000 for further information.

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FRONTIER RESEARCHERS

P.O. Box 2141, Fort Smith, AR 72902

Meet 4th Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.

Community Room - Fort Smith Public Library

With counselors available from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for beginning genealogists. Dues \$6.00.

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FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES

What does the Fort Smith Library offer?

Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., Story Hour is held for pre-schoolers, with stories and filmstrips.

Each month brings something different. Local and area artists display their abilities in an art show. Exhibits in the main-floor display case appeal to varied interests: rare books, old photos, special crafts, antique greeting cards and model cars.

At the Coffee Break Book Review, held at 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month, both fiction and non-fiction books are discussed.

A bulletin board near the charge desk advises about civic meetings, special information groups, literary contests and educational grants. Listings of books added to the shelves each month help in making reading selections, as do several displays of books for browsers. Lists of classics and books suggested for pre-college reading are posted as well.

Quite often there are other special displays, as when federal income tax forms and information are available to the public.

The Arkansas Union Catalogue gives patrons access to non-fiction books all over the state. If neither the library nor Westark has a title, it often may be found through AUC.

The Bookmobile, Outreach Program and Talking Books for the visually and physically handicapped are other services offered by the library. The Bookmobile goes to 18 stops every other week. Each week's schedule is printed in the Sunday edition of the Southwest Times Record. Books in the Outreach Program, delivered every other week by Friends of the Library, go to patrons who are housebound for one reason or another. Talking Books are splendid helpers for people; detailed information about the program is available during library hours.

Friends of the Library is an organization which helps the library maintain and expand itself—a kind of auxiliary. Both it and the Fort Smith Historical Society may be contacted through the library. The Historical Society's journals and the Friends' notepaper are available at the charge desk.

The Geology Club keeps a permanent display of Arkansas minerals on the second floor. Also on the second floor are six microfilm readers and a reader-printer to facilitate scholastic and genealogical research.

The Friends' book sale room, in the basement, is open during library hours except for several weeks before the big annual sale. New books and magazines are added as received, and it's really fun to shop the shelves regularly.

Two meeting rooms, each with large blackboards and movie screens, are available free of charge. Several dozen groups use these rooms regularly, and quite a few more on a now-and-then basis. To schedule one of the rooms, contact the library business office.

To learn more about the library, groups or classes may receive a conducted tour arranged through the business office.

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ACTIVITIES AT FORT SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regularly scheduled activities and meetings:

2nd Wednesday each month:

Coffee Break Book Review 10:30 a.m.

Every Thursday: Children's Story Hour 9:30 a.m.

1st Tuesday: Old Fort Gun Club 7:00 p.m.

1st Thursday: Westark Writers 2:00 p.m.

Westark Relics 6:30 p.m.

National Organization of Women 7:30 p.m.

2nd Monday: Professional Photographers 6:30 p.m.

2nd and 4th Monday: Fort Smith Embroiderers Guild
10:00-2:00 p.m.

2nd Tuesday: Beekeepers 6:30 p.m.

2nd Thursday: Board of League of Women Voters
7:30 p.m.

3rd Friday: Poetry Club 1:30 p.m.

3rd Monday: American Legion 7:00 p.m.

4th Monday: Camera Club 7:30 p.m.

4th Monday: District 5 Association 4:30-6:00 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS **FORT SMITH ART CENTER**

324 North 6

SEPTEMBER 2 - SEPTEMBER 30

GALLERY ONE

Leslie White Mangiamiele Graphite

BAY WINDOW GALLERY

Gail Watford Seriographs

MAIN GALLERY

Linda Palmer Prisma Pencil, Pastel, Oil

OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 28

GALLERY ONE

Peggy Ryan Oils

BAY WINDOW GALLERY

Old Fort Woodcarvers Woodcarving

MAIN GALLERY

Tom Turpin Graphite

NOVEMBER 4 - NOVEMBER 25

GALLERY ONE

Meredith Long Oils, Pastels

BAY WINDOW GALLERY

Don Kitz Egg Tempera

MAIN GALLERY

8th Annual Photography Competition

DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 22

GALLERY ONE

Rick Riggs Oils

BAY WINDOW GALLERY

Clare Podemski Pottery, Drawings

MAIN GALLERY

Annual Christmas Card Competition

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JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 27

GALLERY ONE

Valta Sexton Oils

BAY WINDOW GALLERY

Diane Minden Oils

MAIN GALLERY

Mary White Oils

FEBRUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 24

GALLERY ONE

Beverly Kiefer Palette Knife Oils

BAY WINDOW GALLERY

Robert Bell Graphite

MAIN GALLERY

Robin Garrett Various Media

MARCH 3 - MARCH 24

GALLERY ONE

Melanie Van Denbos Handmade Paper

BAY WINDOW GALLERY

Sarah McMichael Pottery & Batik

MAIN GALLERY

35th Annual Competition

APRIL 7 - APRIL 28

GALLERY ONE

Kay Moss Watercolor

BAY WINDOW GALLERY

Marilyn Bacon Watercolor

MAIN GALLERY

9-12 Grade Student Competition

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We bid a fond farewell to Britt Crews. She has been a great asset to the Art Center as well as many other organizations in the city. Our loss is Boston's gain. Mary Jane Mustard has assumed the responsibility of keeping the Art Center office functioning.

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FORT SMITH'S SISTER CITY

Fort Smith is being designated as a sister city of Cisterna, Italy.

Dr. Eugenio Comandina, Mayor of Cisterna, and a party of citizens from Cisterna will be in Fort Smith October 24-30 for the official ceremony.

Many special activities are being planned.

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ARKANSAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Fort Smith Cadet Band by Charles E. Winters, from the *Journal of the Fort Smith Historical Society*, won the award for the best community history published in a local history publication in Arkansas in 1983. Other awards announced at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Historical Association in Conway in March were: the Walter L. Brown Award for the best county or local journal published in 1983 went to *Flashback*, Volume 33, published by the Washington County Historical Society, Keith and Jean Newhouse, editors. Honorable mention for this award went to *Pulaski County Historical Review*, Volume 31, edited by Martha Williamson Rimmer. The Walter L. Brown Award for the best article published in a county or local journal in 1983 went to Helene E. Rush of Little Rock for her article, "The White Church Press Speaks to the Central High Crisis," published in the *Pulaski County Historical Review*, Spring 1983. Best Biography in a county or local journal for 1983: Hilda Adams for "Frederick Tanqueray Anderson—Artist", appearing in the *Jefferson County Historical Quarterly*. Best Family History: Elizabeth B. Williams, "Grandmother's House," in two parts, in *Flashback*. Best Church History: Lillian Rogers, "First United Methodist Church, Sherrill, Arkansas," in the *Jefferson County Historical Quarterly*.

ATTENTION

It is time to renew all memberships in the Fort Smith Historical Society except Life memberships.

Renewal form in front of *The Journal* is for your convenience in renewing your own membership and giving gift memberships.

Pass the membership application form, which is also included in front of *The Journal*, to a friend.

LARGER MEMBERSHIP WILL MEAN BIGGER AND BETTER JOURNALS.

BOOK NOTES

All review copies of books are placed in the Arkansas Room of the Fort Smith Public Library and designated a gift from the author and the Fort Smith Historical Society.

ALL MY TROUBLES WERE LITTLE ONES by Rose Melody, 76 pages, soft bound, \$3.95. Available from the author at 1917 Woodland, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

Rose Melody is a highly gifted poet whose work has been published in many places and won its share of awards. The poems in this collection, however, are not the kind of poetry she usually writes.

Rose and G.L. (Mike) Melody are the parents of four children: Michael, Edward, Stephen and Rosemary, and these poems are all about the antics of those normal, active children while they were growing up.

Most of us enjoy our own childhood, or that of our children, in retrospect. But Melody captured in rhyme the day-to-day activities of family life as *they were happening*, which lends a sparkle and freshness of quality to those events which might otherwise seem hum-drum.

Tragedy struck the Melody family in 1970 when Edward Bruce Melody, by then grown-up and a helicopter pilot, was killed in action in February of that year. The book is published in his memory.

This collection of lighthearted verse will appeal to every mother who has ever cleaned up the peanut butter and jelly mess, every father who recalls late dinners and Christmas plays, and to the kid in all of us who was the cause of it all.

THE BRUCE WEB by Thomas Allen Bruce, M.D., 644 pages hard bound, indexed. Available from the author at 4 Hillandale, Little Rock, AR 72207. \$19.95 plus \$2.50 for postage.

Dr. Bruce does superb writing, research, editing and genealogy. He fell victim to what he refers to as the "incurable disease of genealogy" over forty years ago, and with the blending of his talents and expertise he has produced a book about the Bruce family in America which has just about everything.

There is an index of maps (dated), a comprehensive table of contents, a complete explanation of abbreviation of terms and numbering system, and an alphabetical index of family names. In the latter there are over 1,000 listings under the Bruce name alone, and over 1,500 additional family listings.

There is much more to this book than the bare-bone statistics, impressive as they are. Bruce has touched the genealogical fare with his own convictions, his own wit and charm.

The Bruce family roots are found in the nobility of Scotland and England, but Dr. Bruce begins the genealogy with one James Bruce who was born in 1768 in America.

He presents the necessary information along with biographies, family legends and anecdotes, all of

which place individuals in their own perspective, enhancing the history of their times. He has a high regard for American pioneers and offers stories of cotton farmers and cabinet makers with the same dignity and respect he treats nobility.

This is a valuable reference book for historians as well as genealogists, and we hope it finds its way to many library shelves, public and private. This reviewer is neither a Bruce nor a genealogist, but this one kept me turning the pages. That's how good it is.

For review of Dr. Bruce's book, **The Hodge/Hodges Book** (two volumes), see Volume VI, Number 2, September 1982 of **The Journal** of the Fort Smith Historical Society.

FIFTY-SIX YEARS OF LAW PRACTICE, by McDonald Poe, Sr., 404 pages, cloth bound, \$12.00. Order from author at P.O. Box 40, Waldron, AR 72958.

McDonald "Donald" Poe, Sr., was born December 26, 1900, grew up and was educated in Scott County, Arkansas. He attended the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences in June, 1923. He served as Superintendent of the Waldron school system and then returned to the University Law School. Three years later he graduated with honors, after receiving his license to practice law six months previously.

He served eight years as apprentice lawyer with his uncle and cousin in Little Rock. In the meantime he married Florence Imogene Hawk, who was a registered nurse. They moved to Waldron in 1935 to reside there permanently. Florence Poe died in 1972.

This is the story of Donald Poe, who shares with us the struggles and successes of a country lawyer who also served as a member of the State Legislature, first as Representative and later as a Senator. He and his wife contributed greatly of themselves to their chosen community. Florence nursed the sick without pay, and was known as "Angel of Mercy of the Hills". She was also instrumental in the planning and building of Scott County Hospital.

During their early married life, there were also times when Donald Poe served without pay, or whatever a client could afford. The young couple received their first sewing machine (treadle) as payment for a legal fee.

The book also includes the Poe family lineage, in which is found Edgar Allen Poe, famous writer and poet.

Besides the genealogy, Poe offers us the historical perspective of Waldron and Scott County as seen from inside the courtroom. It is an interesting and intimate look at the life and times of the area.

The Poes' three children, all with graduate degrees, are: McDonald Poe, Jr., M.D., Fort Smith; Frances Poe (Fulton), M.S. Ed., housewife and school teacher; and Charles Alfred Poe, Ph.D.

INQUIRIES AND GENEALOGY NEWS

Inquiries will be published in *The Journal* as space allows and should include the following:

1. Your full name and address
2. Full name of ancestor about whom you desire information.
3. Definite time period (birth, marriage or death date, or a date appearing in a certain record at a definite time period).
4. Specific place of residence at a certain time period.
5. State relationship (names of parents, names of children, names of brothers and sisters, or in-laws).

Make your material easy to read: type if possible, or write clearly; double space your lines; do not abbreviate any words; put all surnames in capital letters; capitalize only the first letter of given names and places; write dates as follows (Day, Month, Year. Example: 25 January 1978). Proofread your inquiry carefully for accuracy of dates, names, places and spelling before mailing.

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JONES—Need information regarding David J. Jones, b ca 1810, South Carolina. His wife, Patsey, was born ca 1812 in Tennessee. They were in Sebastian County, Arkansas, in 1860. Had a son Isham Jones b ca 1836 in Arkansas, and a son Franklin b ca 1844 in Arkansas. Mrs. C. Simpson, Route 2, Box 43A, Ringwood, Oklahoma 73768.

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TOWNLEY—Wanted to contact anyone interested in Townley family history. Horace Bryan, Box 725, Greenwood, Arkansas 72936.

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STOVALL—The descendants of Bartholomew Stovall met in Richmond and Powhatan, Virginia, on August 17, 18 and 19, 1984, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the arrival of their ancestor in this country and pay homage to him. Each person attending received a special twenty-four page book on the family, and a special cookbook with Stovall family recipes was available for purchase. Anyone interested in this Stovall Family Association may contact or call Rollo P. Stovall, 3357 Espanola Drive, Sarasota, FL 33579, telephone 813-924-8769, or Crockett A. Harrison, R.D. 2, Box 2029, Grove City, PA 16127, telephone 412-258-0384.

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ARKANSAS SESQUICENTENNIAL PROJECT IN SEVIER COUNTY

Sevier County is compiling a cookbook in honor of the Arkansas Sesquicentennial in 1986. If you can supply names and addresses for descendants of former Arkansas Governors, U.S. Senators or U.S. Representatives, or recipes using Arkansas products, contact Ida M. Stone, P.O. Box 66, Lockesburg, AR 71846.

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CHANGES IN PROCESSING REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF VETERANS RECORDS AND PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES. . . . Effective 1 May 1984, all requests for copies of Military Service Records or Passenger Arrival Records must be submitted on NATF Forms 80 and 81, respectively. Since May 1, prior versions of these forms (NATF Form 26 and NATF Form 40) are not being accepted for processing. All forms other than the NATF Forms 80 or 81 received since May 1 are being returned.

A change in payment policies also took effect May 1, 1984. NARS has in the past required that payment accompany requests for copies of veterans' records and passenger arrival records. After 1 May 1984, payment should **NOT** be sent with the NATF Forms 80 and 81. NARS will research the request, prepare copies of any records located, and hold the copies for 30 days or until payment is received, whichever is sooner. As soon as records are located and copied, researchers will receive a bill and instructions on returning their remittances.

Researchers should also submit a separate NATF Form 30 for each file (Pension or Bounty Land or Compiled Military Services) desired. Previously researchers could ask for multiple files on one form. This change is designed to facilitate processing by the National Archives. Anyone interested in obtaining copies of NATF Forms 80 and 81 may do so by writing to the following office:

Reference Services Branch (NNIR)
National Archives and Records Service
8th & Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20408

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OZARKS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP

You are invited to participate in the Ozarks Genealogical Society's Fourth Annual Fall Workshop on October 12 and 13, 1984, at the new University Plaza and Convention Center, 333 Sherman Parkway, Springfield, MO 65806. Early registration fee, before September 30, \$16.00. Registrations postmarked October 1, or later, \$20.00. Mail registrations to Mrs. John Vance Smith, Registrar, Ozarks Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 3494 G.S., Springfield, MO 65808. Phone 417-865-7126 or 417-883-6015.

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WARNING—DO NOT WASTE YOUR MONEY ON BOOK by Beatrice Bailey, Sharron Taylor and/or Halbert's! They are not books about your family, despite advertising. *Sixty Minutes* and genealogical publications have also warned against these books which are being sold through the mail.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

Mrs. Stephen L. McDonald, 4002 Sierra Drive, Austin, TX 78731, writes that family records show the name Alice Tola McDonald, as shown on page 24, Column 2, line 57, September issue of *The Journal*, should read Alice lola McDonald.

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I noticed a few issues ago you listed names of the War Between the States soldiers buried in National Cemetery, but my grandfather's name (William Dillon) was not listed. He is buried with my grandmother on a knoll on left (South) about one-third way back in cemetery. Judge Isaac Parker is buried just a few graves away from Grandfather.

William Dillon was Superintendent of National Cemetery in Fort Smith, for quite a few years, until he retired in the late 1920's. He was also Superintendent at Leavenworth, Kansas; Mound City, Illinois. (signed) William D. Moore, 102 East Green Street, Middletown, Delaware 19709.

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I want to thank you for your assistance. The Choctaw National Historical Society is interested in attempting to reinstate Captain Colquhoun's military record, and erecting a monument to him. . . . (signed) Joe L. Todd, Oklahoma Historical Society.

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I was a Charter Member of the Fort Smith Smile Girls Band. I was Lottie Otto and at that time lived at 215 May Avenue, in the next block from Carl Wortz. We often rehearsed and drilled at his home and in his front yard. Also, I remember Hy Dawson also taught us to play the drums — we learned beating the drum sticks on a table. I thought the article in *The Journal* was splendid. The song "In Old Fort Smith" by Froebel E. Lee was very interesting - he too lived in the 100 block on May Avenue when I was a little girl — and it brought back memories — as I lived in the same house on May Avenue 64 years. (signed) Mrs. Charlotte O. Wright, 2001 South 71st Street, Fort Smith, AR 72903.

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It's been a pleasure to send my dues.

I have been wondering if you could organize an annual "Fort Smith Reunion Day" for former residents who would like to make an annual trek back to the place where we have our roots. It seems that the fall of the year, in October, would be a lovely time as the maple trees are so gorgeous at that time. (signed) Mrs. Vera Avery Butler, 116 Bell Street, Richland, MS 39218.

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This to congratulate you and your staff for such a splendid job you did on the recent issue of your publication. We especially appreciate the recognition of my father (Clemens Hammer) and his bands.

He had other bands (or was instructor and organizer) for the "Jenny Lind" Minors Band and also for a "Black" band, however I was unable to come up with the pictures. We wish you the best and hope we can be of some assistance. (signed) Bill Hammer, P.O. Box 5100, San Antonio, TX 78201.

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I'm sending two articles my father, Emmett Morris, wrote years ago when he was a young man. He was born in Sebastian County in 1880. He died in 1949. If you have a page that needs a spot filled, they may come in handy. I noticed in the list of contents you sent me, there was an article on the conditions of the streets of Fort Smith at the turn of the century. That was probably where my dad got the inspiration. I'm looking forward to the first edition. (signed) Mrs. Edith Morris Lemon, St. Route, Box 5, Welty, OK 74882.

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I really look forward to the magazine — very good! (signed) Claudia Scherry, Fort Smith, AR 72903.

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Can't tell you how much I am enjoying the Historical Journals. I almost feel like a native of Fort Smith. (signed) Bob Bolio, West Newton, Mass. 02165.

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Such a packet! Love that Arkansas River Journey. . . . Identified with a few — such as the Capt. Penneywit who seems to have been a personal friend of the Robert Stuart Gibson family of Siloam Springs. Gibson ran the ferry at Van Buren - Fort Smith, 1840's and later. (signed) Maggie Aldridge Smith, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

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The employees of the Oak Lodge Nursing Home called to our attention the error on page 20, Volume VIII, No. 1, April, 1984. Herbie Echols is not a resident of Oak Lodge Nursing Home — his mother is.

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MARRIAGE BOOK "B"

PORT SMITH DISTRICT, SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS

1870-1891

Copied by Members of Frontier Researchers

(Continued from April, 1984.)

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PRICE, James, age 45, Sebastian County, md. Harriet SMITH, age 24, Sebastian County. / 14 November 1871.

JACKSON, Daniel R., age 18, Sebastian County, md. Epentos WHATLEY, age 18, Sebastian County. / 01 October 1871, J.M. Ledbetter, Baptist Minister.

GLASS, John, age 31, Sebastian County, md. Miss Josephine WOLF, age 21, Ft. Smith, Sebastian County. / 19 October 1871, Martin Luther Wyneken, Minister, German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Smith.

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BONNEVILLE, Gen. L.E., (no other information), md. Susan NEIS, (no other information). Married on the night of 30 November 1871. / Witnesses: Gen. W.L. Cabel and Katie Neis. / Lawrence Smythe, Pastor, Catholic Church.

NALES, Alexander, age 27, Sebastian County, md. Christina WADKINS, age 16, Sebastian County. Married at the residence of the bride's parents. / 15 December 1871, Peter Conaway, Minister.

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COLLINS, J.C., age 22, Sebastian County, md. M.J. CORNELISON, age 18, Sebastian County. / 17 November 1871, C.T. Cagle, Minister, Missionary Baptist Church.

Ordination records of Joseph Barnes of Baptist Church of Christ at Mount Pleasant. / 17 December 1871. / C.P. Papper, Moderator. C.P. Papper, J.M. Ledbetter, C.T. Cagle, Presbytery.

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Ordination record of J.J. Holland by the Greenwood Baptist Church at Greenwood, Arkansas. / 11 June 1871, William Greenlee, Moderator.

SISK, Wesley, age 23, Sebastian County, md. Louisa FRANKLIN, age 18, Sebastian County. / 10 November 1871, Wm. J. Campbell, Minister.

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HALL, R.B., age 35, Sebastian County, md. Laura NIAS, age 23, Sebastian County. / 19 December 1871, Eli Lefor, J.P.

PARNIER, Granville C., age 23, Sebastian County, md. William Cora NUTT, age 18, Sebastian County. / 30 November 1871, J.J. Holland, Minister.

CUTSINGER, John, age —, Sebastian County, md. Joanna GERMAN, age —, Sebastian County. / 10 November 1871, J.M. Ledbetter, Baptist Minister.

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McCOLLUM, Joseph T., age 21, Sebastian County, md. Lucinda A. RYNCHURCH, age 18, Sebastian County. / 19 November 1871, J.M. Ledbetter, Baptist Minister.

GODT, Henry, age 27, Fort Smith, md. Miss Minnie Henrietta HOFFMAN, age 20, Fort Smith, Sebastian County. / 21 November 1871, Martin Wyneken, Pastor, 1st German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Smith.

REIFLIA, Mr. Martin, age 22, Fort Smith, md. Elizabeth, Jane MEYERS, age 19, Fort Smith, Sebastian County. / 28 November 1871, Martin Wyneken, Pastor, 1st German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fort Smith.

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Ordination of Elder F.L. Kregle by the 1st Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas. / 20 December 1871, M.S. Buckley, Moderator.

McCORAL, Thomas J., age 19, Sebastian County, md. Eliza RICHARDSON, age 18, Sebastian County. / 07 December 1871, M. Stetzel, J.P.

DAIGO, Charles, age 20, Sebastian County, md. Emma DAVIS, age 14, Sebastian County. / 07 December 1871, Granville, Ryles, Minister.

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KEY, Rev. Sidney S., age 30, Sebastian County, md. Miss Mattie A. REEVES, age 24, Sebastian County. / 24 October 1871, H.M. Granade, Methodist Elder.

LAWRENCE, Samuel, age 30, Fort Smith, md. Miss Katie Ophelia CLARK, age 23, Fort Smith, Sebastian County. / 23 November 1871, Sidney S. Key, Minister, M.E. Church.

DUMNON, J.B., age 21, Sebastian County, md. Catherine MORRIS, age 14, Sebastian County. Married by consent of guardians. / 07 December 1871, Charles T. Cagle, Minister, Missionary Baptist Church.

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RAYBORN, T.M., age 18, Sebastian County, md. S.C. WALDROOP, age 16, Sebastian County. / 10 December 1871, Charles Cagle, Minister, Missionary Baptist Church.

LEWIS, Henry, age 21, Sebastian County, md. Clara MONROW, age 18, Sebastian County. / 28 December 1871, Peter Conaway, Minister, Colored Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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KEFFER, Mr. John T., age 35, Sebastian County, md. Polly Ann PARRIS, age 18, Sebastian County. Both were born in the state of Missouri. / 21 December 1871, Joseph Barnes, Elder, Missionary Baptist.

DUCKETT, John C., age 23, Sebastian County, md. Herit STEWART, age 17, Sebastian County. / 21 September 1871, Jeremiah Bell, J.P.

DUGAN, Charles, age 23, Sebastian County, md. Francis M. TRINT, age 15, Sebastian County. / 11 October 1871, Jeremiah Bell, J.P.

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CAMPBELL, John M., age 20, Sebastian County, md. Flora B. PENINGER, age 16, Sebastian County. / 01 November 1871, Jeremiah Bell, J.P.

ALEXANDER, Joshaway, age 25, Sebastian County, md. Hetty Elizabeth McMILLEN, age 17, Sebastian County. / 09 November 1871, S. Stanton, J.P.

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CORRUTH (CARRUTH), John A., age 21, Sebastian County, md. Sarah J. SHELBEY, age 18, Sebastian County. / 24 December 1871 (1871) Samuel Dunn, J.P., recorded 02 January 1872.

WILSON, James, age 40, md. Rebecca PARKER, age 42. / 15 December 1871, G.S. Statham, J.P.

TUCKER, George, age 22, md. Elizabeth COAKER, age 15. / 22 December 1871, G.S. Statham, J.P.

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KASEY, R.W., age 18, md. Mary HILL, age 14. / 25 December 1871, Geo. S. Statham, J.P.

CARLOCK, Albert B., Sebastian County, md. Cassa A. DIDLEY, Sebastian County. / 01 January 1872, Charles P. Tupper, Minister

ADAMSON, Emeril M., age 21, Sebastian County, md. Frances M. BATES, age 17, Sebastian County. / 10 December 1871, James S. Hukill, J.P.

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ATKINSON, Edward U., age 24, Sebastian County, md. Jennie HALTZINGER, age 20, Sebastian County. / 01 November 1871, H.M. Grande, Methodist Elder.

LEDFORD, James, age 23, Sebastian County, md. Danella J. BASHAM, age 17, Sebastian County. / 12 November 1871, H.M. Granade, Methodist Elder.

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BELL, Benjamin T., a soldier of the U.S. Army, 10th Cavalry, age 20, md. Mary CLARK, 24, Sebastian County. / 05 December 1871, C.P. Swift, County and Probate Judge.

DuFUR/DUFOR, W.R., 23 md. Miss L.H. SPURGEON, 18, of Sebastian County. / 08 January 1872, W.H. Paxtin, Minister.

DAUGHERTY, William, age 27, md. Miss Mary E. McCLUNG, age 17. / 17 October 1871, William Greenlee, Baptist Minister.

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CROSSLAND, T.F., age 36, Sebastian County, md. Miss E. CROSSLAND, age 24, Sebastian County. / 22 October 1871, William Greenlee, Baptist Minister.

TUCKER, Enoch, 25, Sebastian County, md. Missourie C. CROSSLAND, age 16, Sebastian County. / 22 October 1871, William Greenlee, Baptist Minister.

BOWERS, Jesse, age 18, Sebastian County, md. Miss Ann BESHEARS, age 21, Sebastian County. / 29 October 1871, William Greenlee, Baptist Minister.

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BLOOMER, William, age 26, Sebastian County, md. Sara M. STUART, age 20, Sebastian County. / 05 February 1872, F.W. Boas, J.P.

BONNOR, Jophines, age 25, Sebastian County, md. Argerline REED, age 17, Sebastian County. / 28 January 1872, Granville Ryles, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

PIGEE, Wesley, age 24, Sebastian County, md. Rachiel PARKER, age 16, Sebastian County. / 31 January 1872, Granville Ryles, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

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MILLER, Magar, 30, Sebastian County, md. Martha COCKS, 30, of Sebastian County. / 08 February 1872, Granville Ryles, Minister, A.M.E. Church.

HENRICKS, Francis, (no other information), md. Louisa SHOELER, (no other information). / Witnesses: John Shoeler, Groomsman, and Matilda Knoble, Bridesmaid. / 13 February 1872, Michael Smyth, Catholic Priest.

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Certification of the correct record of the preceding records by Samuel A. Williams, Clerk and Recorder by M.W. Hickell, Deputy.

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BARY, U.J., aged ____ years (no bride's name recorded). / 26 January 1871, filed 19 February 1872, F.L. Kregel, Pastor, First Baptist.

YEAGER, John L., age 24, md. Miss Mary B. HICKMAN, age 15. / 8 February 1872, Noah Corruith/Cornell, M.G.

MARTIN, Samuel B., age 24, md. Miss Levinia E. CORNETT, age 20. / 10 January 1872, Francis A. Taff, M.G.

GREGORY, Thomas, age 22, md. Miss Martha J. NANCE, age 20. / 28 February 1872, Edward Bowman, M.G.

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KREGEL, T.L., legal age, First Baptist Church, md. Mrs. Ada L. CORDA, legal age. / 07 February 1871, E.L. Compere, M.G.

McCRAY, John, Sebastian County, age 36, md. Miss Mittie/Mattie INGALLS, age 26. / 14 March 1872, H.M. Granade, M.G., M.E. Church South

EBERLE, Joseph, age 24, md. Mary STEMLER, age 16. / 06 April 1852, Samuel Edmondson, J.P. / Recorded in my office at Fort Smith, Arkansas the 19 day of March 1872, William Patterson, Clerk, By M.W. Hickell, D.C.

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COOPER, John, age 50, Warren County, Kentucky, md. Louisa HALL, age 30, Warren County, Kentucky. / 26 March 1872, T.W. Boas, J.P.

BROWNING, George, age 34, md. Angleine HENDERSON, age 28. / 28 March 1872, Edward Bowman, M.G.

HALES, Thomas, age 66, md. Sarah JONES, age 64. / 13 March 1872, H.M. Granade, M.G., M.E. Church South.

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BLAIR, Frank, age 21, md. Josephine JOHNSON, age 18. / 05 May 1872, Edward J. Brooks, J.P.

JACOBS, Julius, age 24, md. Betty APPEL, age 20. / 30 April 1872, T.W. Boas, J.P.

CLARK, Charles, age 24, md. Eliza Ann GOSS/GORT, age 22. / 16 May 1872, Edward J. Brooks, J.P.

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MITCHELL, James A., age 34, md. Mary BLAIR, age 34. / 03 June 1872, T.W. Boaz, J.P.

HOPKINS, Robert H. of Texas, md. Susan STEMLER, Fort Smith at the residence of Joseph Eberly. / Witnesses: Frank Eberly, Hannah Lacey and many others. / 20 June 1872, Lawrence Smythe, Priest of Catholic Church.

NELSON, W.R., age 39, md. Miss Frances WEBB, age 18. / 20 December 1871, A.J. Rippy, Minister. Filed 12 July 1872.

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JOHNSON, B.S., age 38, md. Miss KENNADY, age 40. / 09 June 1872, A.J. Rippy, M.G.

JANWAY, J.A., age 23, md. Miss Mary J. JOHNSON, age 17. / 13 June 1872, A.J. Rippy, M.G.

JONES, Wm., age 24, md. Miss A.A. JANWAY, age 21. / 13 June 1872, A.J. Rippy, M.G.

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REMY/RENEY, Ruben, age 21, md. Miss S.A. WHITE, age 20. / 16 June 1872, A.J. Rippy, M.G.

REED, Amose D., age 20, md. Miss Elizabeth REMY/RENEY, age 19. / 16 June 1872, A.J. Rippy, M.G.

WILSON, H.S. of Pulaski County, age 27, md. Miss Kate D. JACKS of Sebastian County, age 22. / 15 July 1872, W.A. Sample, Presbyterian Church.

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FERGUSON, Thomas, age 22, md. Mollie INGALLS, age 21. / 30 May 1872, H.M. Granade, M.G.

SWARINGIN, James, age 36, md. Nellie PATTERSON, age 16. / 18 July 1872, H.M. Granade, M.G.

NELSON, Little Berry, lawful age, md. Mary Ann TAYLOR, lawful age. / 05 June 1872, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

SEARCY, Thomas, age 22, md. Sara ADAMS, age 19. / 11 August 1872, F.W. Boas, J.P.

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WIGHT, Gordon, age ____ years, md. Sallie HURD, age

— years. / 22 August 1872, Thomas E. Compton, J.P.
BOLES, William A., age 36, md. Miss Ellen P. CLEMM,
age 21. / 21 July 1872, A.J. Rippy, M.G.

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WOODRUFF, Abner P., Franklin County, Arkansas,
age 49, md. Mrs. B. Ann PLUNK, age 33. / 05 September
1872, H.M. Granade, M.G.

NORRIS, Thomas S., age 22, md. Martha Elizabeth
OWENS, age 21. / 13 September 1872, H.M. Granade, M.G.

ALLEN, John R., age 22, md. Mary ALVERSON, age 16.
/ 05 September 1872, Sidney S. Key, M.G.

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CAMPBELL, Joseph D., age 32, md. Mary J. HANNAH,
age 33. / 06 October 1872, Edward J. Brooks, Mayor of Fort
Smith.

CHENY, B.F., age 27, Washington County, Arkansas,
md. Miss Laura O. ELLIS, age 18. / 29 September 1872,
W.A. Samples, M.G.

RAINS, Samuel H., age 22, md. Miss Blanche MILOR,
age 17. / 09 October 1872, W.A. Samples, M.G.

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LIMBERG, Joseph, (no other information) md.
Catherine HOMEN/HORNER, (no other information) /
Witnesses: Henry Limberg and Mary Kuper. / 17 October
1872, Lawrence Smythe, Priest of Fort Smith.

LEWIS, Congrave of Sebastian County, Choctaw
Nation, age 25, md. Margaret Ann Paine STEWART, age 23.
/ 27 October 1872, C.P. Swift, J.P.

GREENLEE, J.N., age 23, Sebastian County, md. Miss
Mary J. FITE, age 18, Sarlue? County. / 15 September 1872,
A.J. Rippy, M.G.

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MERK, John, md. Josephine KNOBLE (no other
information) / Witnesses: Joseph Frisess and Caroline
Thuryer. / 19 November 1872, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

GRIFFITH, W.M., age 29, md. Dona/Dora FLEMING, age
18. / 12 November 1872, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

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SAMPLES(?), George O., lawful age, md. Elizabeth A.
GLOVER, lawful age. / 27 October 1872, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

LEE, Wamu??/Warren, age 21, md. Fanny
JEFFERSON, age 16. / 13 October 1872, Peter Conaway,
Minister, Missionary Baptist Church (colored).

FISON/TISON, Wm. Ransom, age 25, md. Sharlott
SCOTT, age 22. / 27 October 1872, Peter Conaway,
Minister, Missionary Baptist Church (colored).

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SMITH, Nathaniel T., age 25, md. Sarah JESSIE, age
19. / 31 October 1872, Peter Conaway, M.G., Missionary
Baptist Church (colored).

LEGGIUS, Robert, age 22, md. Alsee JEFFERSON, age
20. / 06 November 1872, Peter Conaway, M.G., Missionary
Baptist Church (colored).

RITCHIE, Martin, age 24, md. Mander/Mandis Jane
HESTFIELD, age 27. / 27 November 1872, F.W. Boas, J.P.

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21 October 1872

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, met on this
day as a Presbytery for the purpose of setting apart Brother
Henry Gattis to the Gospel Ministry and after being satisfied
of his call to the same with....apart to all the official duties
belonging to the Gospel Ministry wherever God in his
providence may cast his lot. This the day and date above
written. Presbiters of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ.
Elders: M. Pelbey, Cleo Boydstin, R.D. Boydstin.

DUGLESS, Malson, age 20, md. Martha NAIL, age 24. /

10 November 1872, Granville Ryles, Minister, African Ep.
Methodist Church.

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GRIMES, Edward, age 25, md. Sealey CARPENTER,
age 27. / 26 November 1872, Peter Conaway, Missionary
Baptist Church (colored).

Certification of true and perfect transcript of marriage
certificates. / Samuel A. Williams, Clerk.

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HUTSON, George Riley, Johnson County, Arkansas,
age 19 md. Martha Elizabeth WILSON, Johnson County,
Arkansas, age 17. / 26 December 1872, Eli Leflor, J.P.

HARVEY, Thomas, md. Mary FAULT, both of age and
residing in town. / 12 January 1873, Lawrence Smythe,
Priest. / Witnesses Frank Merriman & Annie Fault.

BLALOCK, John T., Johnson County, Arkansas, age
22, md. Mahala L. WATTS, of the County of Cherokee, State
of —, age 15. / 19 January 1873, F.W. Boas, J.P.

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CATHERINE, Joseph, md. Christina FERMANN (no
other information). / 19 January 1873, Michael Smyth,
Priest of Fort Smith Catholic Church. / Witnesses: John
Rutzell and Alice Cornelius.

LEANETH/LEARETH, Peter, Franklin County,
Arkansas, age 44, md. Mrs. Magdalena SCHLAFLI, Franklin
County, Arkansas, age 44. / 11 September 1872, Martin L.
Wyneken, M.G., German Lutheran Church.

BAER, Jacob, age 27, md. Miss Elizabeth MILLER, age
20. / 13 November 1872, Martin L. Wyneken, M.G.

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SCHIPPEE (SCHOEPE), Bernhard, age 48, md. Mrs.
Hannah GROBER, age 54. / 02 January 1873, Martin L.
Wyneken, M.G.

SCOTT, John, md. Alice CORNELIUS, (no other
information). Witnesses: Edward Brogan, Kate Neiss. / 26
January 1873, Lawrence Smythe, Priest of Fort Smith.

CUNNINGHAM, Sol Tuttle, Fayetteville, Washington
County, Arkansas, age 36, md. Sophia ROSELL, Fort Smith,
age 25. / 01 February 1873, C.P. Swift, J.P. / Witnesses:
Mrs. D.C. Corwin and Mrs. Helen Corwin Pierce.

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SMITH, James W., age 28, md. Mrs. Amanda A. TEAL
(widow), age 25. / 04 February 1873, C.P. Swift, J.P. /
Witnesses: Jas C. Swift and Ruth Coleman.

BERCHER, Blasius, age 29, md. Maria MELHAUGT of
the County of Snasherzog, Hem-Baden of Germany, age 20
years. / 12 February 1873, F.W. Boas, J.P.

BRYANT, Harvey E., state of Texas, age 21 md. Sarah E.
HOUSS, Washington County, Arkansas, age 21. / 17
February 1873, H.M. Granade, M.G.

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FORD, Geo. W., age 21, md. Miss Anna Maria JONES,
age 20. / 05 February 1873, S.H. Babcock, M.G.

CHARLESTON, Thomas Flynn, age 50, md. Mary Jane
NUGENT/AUGUST, age 50. / 21 February 1873, Michael
Smyth, Priest. / Witnesses: Michael McNally and Margaret
Dwyer.

DOUSIN(?), Plurey, C., age 28, md. Jane CUPPER, age
18. / 05 February 1873, Granville Ryles, Minister, A.M.E.
Church. Filed 24 February 1873.

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CAOLE, Thomas, age 30, md. Alice HAYES, age 28. /
26 December 1872, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

MARTIN, Wm. D., age 29, md. Mrs. Samantha MILLER
(widow) age 29. / 03 March 1873, C.P. Swift, J.P. /
Witnesses: G.W. Ford and J.C. Mathes.

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NUBANKS, Henry M., age 30, md. Emily KAZAH, age 26. / 04 March 1873, J.W. Fuller, Mayor of Fort Smith.

FELHUR/FULLER/TULLNER, Joseph, age 21, md. Mrs. Mary BAER, age 25. / 11 February 1873, Martin L. Wyneken, Pastor.

HENCHIE/HERCHIE, Wm., age 35, md. Julia DADE, age 28. / 16 March 1873, James A. Foster, M.G.

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PRICE, Dr. James W., age 60, md. Mrs. Eliza Virginia JOHNSTON, age 56. / 16 April 1873, Sidney H. Babcock, M.G.

INGRAHAM, Henry/Drury, md. Elvira SMOOTH (no other information). / Witnesses: A. How/Hon, W.H.Degroffenreid, R.S. Mitchell, J.L. Stowe, James G. Thompson, F.N. Saunders. / 13 April 1873, Rev. N.E. Parsons, Pauls Valley, C.N.

YOUNG, Archibald, age 26, md. Ella WENDEL, age 22. / 07 May 1873, Daniel McManus, M.G.

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McMANUS, Charles Wm., age 25, md. Annie C. MAYERS, age 21. / 28 May 1873, Daniel McManus, M.G.

NICKELL, Isaac, md. Miss Suphrona E. Holmes (no other information) / 23 December 1872 at Fort Gibson (recorded 4 August 1873), W.D. Collins, Indian Miss. Conf.

MITCHELL, Ely E., age 23, md. Miss Sallie NICKELL, age 19. / 16 June 1873, W.A. Samples, M.G.

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LUNBERG/LIMBERG, Henry, age 23, md. Mary KUPER, age 18. / 05 August 1873, Michael Smyth, Priest.

HASSO, Hugh, Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, age 23, md. Hannah BOYITT, District of Sequah of Cherokee Nation, age 16. / Witnesses: John Boyitt, Nelly Taylor, W.H. Watts, Robt. B. Dougherty. / 17 August 1873, C.P. Swift, J.P.

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SCHELLES, Parller, age 21, md. Mary STEPHSON, age 26. / 31 July 1873, Granville Ryles, M.G., A.M.E. Church.

LEWIS, Sampson, age 28, md. Sarah WATERS, age 17. / 27 August 1873, R.T.W. James, M.G.

WARDE, William, age 28, md. Agness LANE, age 26. / 31 August 1873, Granville Ryles, M.G.

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SCHMIDT, August Herman Schaar, Dallas County, Texas, age 31, md. Miss Alvina/Alvira Louisa LEVY, age 19. / 17 August 1873, Martin L. Wyneken, M.G.

HOPE, Henry, age 27, md. Susan ALLIN, age 19. / 29 September 1873, Granville Ryles, M.G., A.M.E. Church.

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NICHOLS, Smith, age 21, md. Lucy JORDAN, age 30. / 06 October 1873, C.P. Swift, J.B.

NEIVEL, Rev. Henry J., age 52, Conway County, Arkansas, md. Mrs. Susan P. REED/RUDD, age 30. / 03 October 1873, S.H. Babcock, M.G.

HAMILTON, S.M., age 31, md. Miss Mary TWYMAN, age 23. / 04 June 1873, S.H. Babcock, M.G.

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CASEY, William, age 36, md. Elizabeth GREER, age 20. / 04 November 1873, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

Know all men by these presents, that I, George F. Pierce, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the protection of Almighty God and with a single eye to his glory by the imposition of my hands and prayer have this day set apart T.M.C. Birmingham, for the office of a Deacon in said Methodist Episcopal Church South 9 November 1873...Done at Dardanelle. / Geo. F. Pierce.

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DOUGLAS, Henry (colored), age 19, md. Annie MITCHELL (colored), age 16. / 12 October 1873, Daniel McManus, M.G.

PENNINGTON, Edward, age 29, md. Mollie WALKER, age 29. / 19 October 1873, H.M. Granade, M.G.

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FRENCH, William, Skullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 18, md. Nancy RUPE, age 19. Skullyville. Choctaw Nation. 16 December 1873, C.P. Swift, J.P. / Witnesses: J.C. Arbuckle and Phoebe H. Casey.

CROMWELL, Samuel, age 28, md. Miss Sarah WILLSON/WILLIAMSON, age 20. / 13 November 1873, J.C. Kennedy, M.G.

KLUICK, Mathew, age 20, md. Jane Ritter, age 17. / 13 January 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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SMYTH, Peter, age 30, md. Mary SMYTH (widow), age 30. / 15 January 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest. / Witnesses: John Hare and Elizabeth Moore.

McBRYDE/McBRIDE, James, age 39, md. Catherine McDONNELL, age 40. / 23 January 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest. / Witnesses: Mrs. Okeeffee and Mr. Kabanagh.

BOTTOMS, Thos. H., age 21, Washington County, Arkansas, md. Georgeann L. Cauzy COGGBILL, age 18. / 08 January 1874, Eli Leflor, J.P.

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DUNLAP, Albert, M.D., age 44, md. Jennie C. SPRING, age 29. / 07 December 1873, Daniel McManus, M.G.

AHALT, John J. age 22, md. Toku L. TUGRAHAM, age 16. / 07 January 1874, T.M.C. Birmingham, M.G.

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PETTY, Enoch B., age 27, md. Hester GREEN, age 22. / 25 December 1873, T.M.C. Birmingham, M.G.

WELDON, Oliver D., age 22, md. Ellona HAGUE, age 18. / Witnesses: William Euper, Henry Birnie, Helvina Hague, Pauline Mouter. / 12 February 1884, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

STAGGS, James M., age 22, md. Sarah D. MUSSET, age 18. / 14 September 1873, F.L. Kregel, M.G., Pastor, Fort Smith Baptist Church.

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JOHNSON, William H., age 32, md. Maggie O. ROBINSON, age 23. / 21 December 1873, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

HUNT, Charles I., age 23, md. Delphia A. ROBINSON, age 17. / 25 January 1874, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

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BARNES, Thos. H., age 30, md. Fronie MELLETTI, age 26. / 12 February 1874, W.A. Samples, M.G.

BROWN, George F., md. Mrs. Mary E. ROBERTSON at the residence of Jacob Stauts. / 17 January 1874, J.H. Baker, M.G., Regular Baptist Church.

DUNCAN, Jessie M., age 27, md. Miss S. Carrie BOLLING, age 16, at the residence of Mrs. Fletcher. / 29 January 1874, Hervey M. Granade, M.G.

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JONES, Joseph S. Skullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 23, md. Jerusha BLYKT, Skullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 19. / 15 March 1874, C.P. Swift, J.P.

License to preach - James M. Riggs, member of Union Baptist Church...believing him to be have been called of God to the work...29 March 1874. Mumford Pelley, Pastor; Jessie C. Riggs, Clerk.

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CHEANEY, Dr. James C., Crawford County, Arkansas, age 40, md. Bridget CLANCEY, Crawford County, Arkansas, age 18. / Witnesses: Wm. L. Cathey and Miss Johnnie Foster. / 05 April 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

REDDEN, George, Skullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 20, md. Sarah C. DOBBINS, Skullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 18. / 24 March 1874, C.P. Swift, J.P. / Witnesses: Todd, Charles and Fulton, Jackson.

LANDUCH, Zachariah, Skullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 23, md. Catherine HOYLE, Skullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 16. / 10 April 1874, C.P. Swift, J.P.

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COFFEE, A./N.L., age 30, md. Sarah HOWELL, age 18. / 13 April 1874, James Riggs, M.G.

LIMBERG, Joseph, age 36, md. Margaret SEIBER, age 18. / Witnesses: Henry Limberg, and Anne Seiber. / 06 May 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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FALCONER, George C., age 30, md. Lucy A. BEAVERS, age 19. / 09 March 1874, Daniel McManus, M.G.

JOHNSON, Robert, Choctaw Nation, age 39, md. Katy MILLENDER, Choctaw Nation, age 34. / 14 May 1874, Granville Ryles, M.G., A.M.E. Church.

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Eureka 22 December 1873

The Church of Christ meeting for worship at Eureka, Illinois.

Greeting,

This is to certify that Brother J.R. Frame is a member of this congregation in good standing and full fellowship and we commend him to the confidence of the Brotherhood as a Christian, a faithful and an Evangelist Brother. Receive him as such. Lord bless his labors in Christ, is our prayer. Done by order of this Church, this 4 December 1872 (Lord's Day). / Rodney D. Smith, Clerk.

The foregoing credentials were filed in my office for record and duly recorded on the 10 June 1874. / Sam'l W. Williams, Ex Officio Recorder.

COUENY/CONERY, Lemuel, Choctaw Nation, age 22, md. Loduska FREEMAN, of Choctaw Nation, age 19. / 19 April 1874, Daniel McManus, M.G.

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HAIL, George, age 37, md. Rebecca McLAIN, age 20. / 26 April 1874, C.P. Swift, J.P. / Witnesses: Edwd Hunt and Silvester Cogbill.

CORMACK, James M., Washington County, Arkansas, age 26, md. Caroline Adelaide MESLER, age 18. / 08 May 1874, Daniel McManus, M.G.

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ATTWELL, John, Monmouth County, England, age 26, md. Miley MANDLEY, Dorset County, England, age 24. / 25 May 1874, Daniel McManus, M.G.

HARWOOD, J.B., age 23, md. Sallie B. MEYERS, age 20. / 11 June 1874, J.R. Frame, M.G., the Christian Church.

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GRAHAM, Joseph A., age 23, md. Mary McGAUGHEY, age 28. / 14 June 1874, F.L. Kregl, M.G.

WOOLDRIDGE, A.D., New Orleans County, Louisiana, age 25½, md. Ida K. WOOLDRIDGE age 18½. / 17 April 1874, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

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WALLACE, Michael, age 22, md. Matilda KNOBLE, age 20. / Witnesses: Andrew Green et al, Annie Eagan, et al. / 23 June 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

IBISON, George, age 21, md. Jennie REED, age 18. /

Witnesses: James Bradbury and Mary E. Ibison. / 05 July 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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BRADBURY, James, age 21, md. Mary Ellen IBISON, age 17. / Witnesses: George Ibison and Jennie Ibison. / 05 July 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

HATFIELD, Frank, age 21, Skullyville, C.N., md. Bethany KEY, Skullyville, C.N., age 26. / 18 May 1874, H.M. Granade, M.G.

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MAY, Alvan, age 37, md. Matilda JOHNSTON, age 31. / 03 July 1874, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

REED, Monroe, age 21, md. Frances RIDLEBURG, age 19. / 06 July 1874, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

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BURGETT, Nathan, Pope County, Arkansas, age 55, md. Sarah E. REIGNEY, Pope County, Arkansas age 38. / 10 June 1874, Eli Leflar, J.P.

CARROLL, Hugh, Cherokee Nation, I.T., age 22, md. Loucy POUTMAN, age 18. / 17 June 1874, Eli Leflar, J.P.

VANDIGRIFT, Andrew J., Skullyville, Choctaw Nation, age 25, md. Margaret E. GREGORY, Sebastian County, Ark., age 19. / 30 July 1874, C.P. Swift, J.P.

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COX, Mark, age 21, md. Sidney CAMPBELL, age 25. / 14 August 1874, Abraham Roberts M.G.

LANDRETH, Frankland, of Skullyville, C.N., age 21, md. Sallie CHOATE, Skullyville, C.N., age 14. / 23 June 1874, H.M. Granade, M.G.

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BUTTLER, John, age 27, md. Lewis ATKINSON, age 19. / 14 March 1861, S.M. Ellis, J.P. Recorded 20 August 1874.

BRADBURY, Washington R., age 25, md. Anne EGAN, age 20. / Witnesses: John Harrington, et al, Rose McAuley, et al. / 09 September 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

GRAVES, Abraham, age 23, md. Julias WASHINGTON, age 23. / 29 July 1874, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

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ROBINSON, John, age 23, md. Sallie WATERS, age 19. / 19 July 1874, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

REISING, Frederick, age 31, md. Miss Charlotte SCHLUETER, age 20. / 01 September 1874, Martin L. Wyneken, M.G.

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BERCHER, Leopold, age 30, md. Joanna GATES, age 20. / Witnesses: Henry Kuper, Nellie Doyle. / 29 September 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

SHAW, George E., age 36, md. Annie RICE, age 33. / 11 August 1874, Daniel McManus, M.G.

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INGRAHAM, Lee, age 30, md. Mrs. Mary CARROLL, age 30. / 10 September 1874, H.M. Granade, M.G.

HARRINGTON, Michael, age 40, md. Margaret DONOHOE, age 25. / Witnesses: William Breen and Mary McKenzie. / 27 October 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

ERMANN, Wilhelm, age 22, md. Margaret WEISENITZER, age 22. / Witnesses: Henry Kuper and Lizzie Kuper. / 27 October 1874, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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PENDLETON, Walter Patterson, age 19, md. Paralee Pandoria REESE, age 17. / 16 September 1874, James K. Howell, M.G.

EDWARDS, Peter, age 50 md. Adline BOLLINS, age 23. / 22 September 1874, James K. Howell, M.G.

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BOWMAN, Joseph, age 24, md. Mathie GEORGE, age 22. / 16 October 1874, J.M.C. Birmingham, M.G.

TANNER, James, age 25, md. Alice SLUSSER, age 18. / 22 September 1874, Daniel McManus, M.G.

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GIBSON, Robert S., age 31, md. Lida M. JOHNSON, age 16. / 20 September 1874, Daniel McManus, M.G.

MOORE, John N., age 21, md. Victoria PRATT, age 21. / 03 September 1874, F.L. Kregel, M.G.

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HOUSE, James, age 28, md. Lucrecia ROANE, age 20. / 18 November 1874, J.G. Nance, J.P.

REUTZELL, John, age 23, md. Miss Lilly COMPAGNON, age 16. / 04 November 1874, Martin L. Wyneken, M.G.

DEGRAFTENREED, Hilliard, age 21, md. Frances CROCKET, age 16. / 03 December 1874 James F.A. Sisson, M.G., African Methodist Episcopal Church.

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RIDGE George, md. Lydia WILKINSON (no further information). 18 September 1874, Henry Turner, M.G.

BARNES, Robert M., md. Emily FRIGHTMASTIE, (no further information). Their parents being present and consenting thereto. / 03 October 1874, Henry Turner, M.G.

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PARKISON, Thomas J., Cherokee Nation, md. Sarah L. FRIGHTMASTIE. Her parents being present and consenting thereto. / 03 October 1874, Henry Turner, M.G.

SHALZACK, John, age 44, md. Margaret THOMAS, age 43. / 13 December 1874, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

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SMITH, William Reuben, age 24, md. Mary Elizabeth BAILEY, age 20. / 03 December 1874, R.B. Rutherford, J.P.

LONERGAN, Thomas, Crawford County, age 46, md. Alice O'Brine, age 32. / 15 December 1874, R.B. Rutherford, J.P.

BABCOCK, Sidney H., age 25, md. Sallie M. ALLEN, age 26. / 01 November 1874, John Harrell, M.G.

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DEGRAFTENREED, Prince, age 55, md. Jane CROCKETT, age 44. / 16 December 1874, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

HALL, David, age 40, md. Mary DIXSON, age 30. / Witnesses: Robert Carter and Mary Marshan. / 03 January 1875, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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ROBINSON, Joseph, age 40, md. Nora MARSHAN, age 21. / Witnesses: Eugene Marshan and Mosella Rowands. / 11 January 1875, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

GREEN, Isaac, age 24, md., Lucey Jane BERRY, age 21. / Witnesses: Emmanuel Robeson and Martha Robeson. / 20 January 1875, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

JOHNSON, J.H., age 48, Choctaw Nation, md. Fanny BEARDEN, age 23, Choctaw Nation. / 13 January 1875, M.H. Sandels, J.P.

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MATHIES, C.C., of Ala, age 25, md. Almata E. KELLEN, age 17, Choctaw Nation. / 17 January 1875, S.G. Harrell, M.G.

WILEY, William, age 33, md. Caroline ELLIS, age 30. / 16 February 1875, Abraham Roberts, M.G., African Methodist Church.

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KIRCHELOW, Henry, age 34, md. Matilda BROWN, age

33. / 29 January 1875, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

SMITH, James Brison, age 20, md. Lucy Catherine PATERSON, age 20. / 21 January 1875, Levi Zinn, J.P.

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Ordination certificate of Samuel Dean, Baptist Church at Van Buren. / 21 February 1875. Called to ordination by the Fort Smith Church of which he was a member. Council: Elder Joseph Garner; Elder J.A. McUlak, Minister; Samuel White, Clerk.

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Ordination certificate of Robert Burns, Baptist Church at Van Buren. / 21 February 1875. Called to ordination by the Fort Smith Church of which he was a member. Council: Elder Joseph Garner; Elder J.A. McUlak, Minister; Samuel White, Clerk.

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TILLES, Louis, age 39, md. Ida OPFEL, age 22. / 21 March 1875, R.B. Rutherford, J.P.

MILLER, Frank, age 20, md. Maria THOMPSON, age 18. / 20 February 1875, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

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ALBERTY, Tobe, age 24, md. Clara BLACKBURN, age 25. / 03 March 1875, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

DOWNIE, James, age 44, Pulaski County, Arkansas, md. Ada MCKENZIE, age 24. / 29 March 1875, Daniel McManus, M.G.

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BIRCHUM, Thomas Wilson, md. Arabella WALKER (no other information). / 28 March 1875, James F.A. Sisson, Presiding Elder, Little Rock District, African Methodist Episcopal Church.

BAER, Herman, age 35, md. Louisa MERGENTHEIN, age 22. / 11 April 1875, Edward J. Brooks, Mayor, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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GREEN, Frank, age 21, md. Mary REED, age 22. / 12 April 1875, M.H. Sandels, J.P.

TERRY, George, age 30, md. Winnie DOUGLASS, age 20. / 13 April 1875, R.B. Rutherford, J.P.

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BREEN, William, age 34, md. Maggie A. BOWEN, age 20. / 10 April 1875, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

GULER, John Jacob, age 27, md. Miss Clara REICHERT, age 22. / 05 April 1875, Martin L. Wyneken, M.G.

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BELL, Spencer, age 22, md. Mosell ROWELL, age 21. / 21 February 1875, Granville Ryles, M.G., A.M.E. Church.

FRAYSER, Dr. E.B., age 25, md. Miss May C. Vann, age 23. / 12 March 1875, W.A. Sample, M.G.

HATHAWAY, Jonathan N., age 28, md. Sarah A. KIRK, age 16. / 28 March 1875, James K. Howell, M.G.

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OWENS, Wilburn Carter, age 33, Franklin County, md. Mary E. DAVIS, age 32. / 15 March 1875, Levi Zinn, J.P.

MAYTUBBY, Peter, age 39, md. Tabitha BAILEY, age 19. / 16 May 1875, S.H. Babcock, M.G.

CARTER, Nathaniel, age 34, md. Fanny ALEXANDER, age 40. / 20 May 1875, Samuel Dean, M.G.

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MORAN, Thomas M., age 30, md. Florence E. BORISE, age 18. / 20 May 1875, Abey S. Smith, M.G., Skullyville, Choctaw Nation.

GUINES/GRIMES, John, age 26, md. Mary See GRIMES, age 18. / 31 May 1875, Hugh L. Rogers, J.P.

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THOMPSON, James, age 46, md. Mollie G. BERRY, age 23. / 11 July 1875, Sydney H. Babcock, M.G.

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RIDLEY, Solomon, age 25, md. Alice AUTREY, age 20. / 14 July 1875, R.W. Hammett, M.G.

INMAN, H.W., age 22, md. Sarah PARRIS, age 16. / 14 February 1864, filed 07 July 1875, Charles Hayes, M.G., Presbyterian Church.

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MURPHY, Joseph, age 20, md. Lizzie McCABE, age 20. / 27 June 1875, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

McDAVID, Andrew, age 23, md. Elizabeth MERRIMAN, age 23. / 10 August 1875, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

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BALL, Henry, age 27, md. Mary JONES, age 17. / 01 August 1875, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

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DORCHESTER, R.S., age 23, md. Mary C. SHIRLEY, age 21. / 09 September 1875, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

WILBURN, Charles, age 24, md. Martha LAFLORE/SAFLORE, age 18. / 18 November 1875, H.M. Granade, M.G.

SPEAKER, John, age 26, md. Bettie SCHUSTER, age 17. / 21 November 1875, Martin L. Wyneken, M.G.

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DOUGLASS, Wesley, age 24, md. Kate JONES, age 22. / 26 November 1875, Samuel Dean, M.G.

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MILLER, J.C., age 40, md. Mary MILLER, age 30. / 29 November 1875, Mathew Grey, J.P.

HALL, Perry, age 25, md. Mary GIVENS, age 18. / 23 November 1875, W.A. Samples, M.G.

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JONES, Willis, age 21, md. Missie WILLIAMS, age 20. / 18 September 1875, Mathew Grey, J.P.

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HOLDER, Thomas, age 25, md. Belle MAYFIELD, age 19. / 09 December 1875, F.S. Kregel, M.G.

MURTHUR, James, age 39, md. Annie CRAMPTON, age 35. / 11 December 1875, W.A. Sample, M.G.

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SPRING, J.N., age 20, md. Adaline BEANE, age 23. / 29 December 1875, Abraham Roberts, M.G.

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CANTRELL, W.B., age 28, md. Mrs. Cele BROOKS, age 20. / 23 December 1875, H.L. Rogers, J.P.

CORN, Samuel, age 26, md. Lou TAYLOR, age 18. / 19 December 1875, M. Pelly, M.G.

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SAVAGE, Albert C., age 27, md. John Etta HENDRIX, age 17. / 26 December 1875, D. McManus, Rector, St. John's Parish.

WHITTENBURG, William, age 32, md. Etta GRAVES, age 22. / 25 November 1875, M. Pelly, M.G.

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KILGORE, Jessie A., age 25, md. Dora PORTER, age 18. / 05 January 1875, James K. Howell, M.G.

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HARDY, James M., age 23, md. Gabrella POWER, age 23. / 19 January 1876, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

CANTER, August, C.C., age 23, md. Louisa WEBBING, age 20. / 09 February 1876, Martin L. Wyneken, M.G., Pastor, Lutheran Church.

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SMITH, John W., age 22, md. Mary E. LOGSTIN, age 21. / 09 February 1875, M. Pelly, M.G.

STOPPLEMAN, Frederick, age 24, md. Elizabeth HOLT, age 19. / 27 February 1876, Martin L. Wyneken, M.G.

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DOYLE, James, age 21, md. Mary MALEDON, age 18. / 29 February 1876, Mathew Gray, J.P.

BEAN, Simpson, age 40, md. Dinah SMITH, age 40. / 15 March 1876, Samuel Dean, M.G.

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MICHAEL, Archibald, age 23, md. Susan Jones, age 21. / 03 April 1876, H.L. Rogers, J.P.

CARTER, J.W., age 26, md. Mary GIVENS, age 21. / 21 April 1876, Joseph S. Miller, J.P.

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PATTERSON, Bennett, age 24, md. Lizzie WALLS, age 19. / 02 April 1876, W.A. Samples, M.G.

CENNESERY, Owen, age 23, md. Laura SHIRLEY, age 19. / 20 May 1876, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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DAUGHERTY, Wm. J., age 22, md. Edna HOOKER, age 19. / 14 June 1876, Samuel Dean, M.G.

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Certificate of Ordination, Brother Jesse McDavid, Baptist Church of Fort Smith. / 01 April 1876, H.C. Haney, Church Clerk.

LEWIS, William, age 23, md. Mary BIRD, age 19. / 23 June 1876, Samuel Dean, M.G.

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LUSK, Henry, age 25, md. Christianna WADKINS, age 21. / 27 June 1876, Samuel Dean, M.G.

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Certificate of Ordination, J.W. Gillcouth, Freewill Baptist Church of Christ. / 18 June 1876, Elder Mumford Pelley, Elder J.P. Howell.

PERCIFULL, Z.R., age 35, md. Sarah Ann PORTER, age 21. / 25 June 1876, James K. Howell, M.G.

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POUND, James, age 19, md. S. Maudaise JOHNSON, age 19. / 16 July 1876, M. Pelly, M.G.

HART, J.C., age 29, md. Mrs. Margaret MITCHEL, age 23. / 18 July 1876, Mathew Grey, J.P.

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POWER, Alexander V., age 50, md. Eliza TABOR, age 29. / 13 September 1876, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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Certificate of Ordination, Brother George Sorrow, Second Fountain Baptist Church. / 24 September 1876, Clerk, Elder Samuel Dean.

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STEWART, DAVID, AGE 29, md. Sarah E. HERSHEY, age 23. / 10 October 1876, Daniel McManus, M.G.

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LAKE, George L., age 27, md. Mary H. STRATTON, age 21. / 18 October 1876, W.A. Sample, M.G.

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GROBER, Frank, age 20, md. Lena SCHOEPE, age 22. / 15 October 1876, P.F. German, M.G.

POSEY, G.W., age 25, md. Margaret HOUSE, age 18. / 03 November 1876, James K. Howell.

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SCHMIDT, John G., age 22, md. Anna C. STUMPF, age 21. / 20 October 1876, P.F. German, M.G.

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NEAL, Jacob H., age 25, md. Lizzie BOYETT, age 16. / 07 December 1876, Mathew Grey, J.P.

SHARUM, William, age 24, md. Emily KNOTT, age 28. / 26 November 1876, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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COLLINS, Thomas, age 23, md. Maggie SHARUM, age 22. / 26 November 1876, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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WILLIAMS, Samuel, age 21, md. Althazener PEARCE, age 22. / 13 December 1876, J.A. Gaither, M.G.

GROBER, John C., age 78, md. Wilhelmena BRUENING, age 35. / 10 December 1876, P.F. German, M.G.

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DUNCAN, James W., age 21, md. Mattie BLACKWELL, age 20. / 17 December 1876, James K. Howell, M.G.

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HAYWOOD, Horace, age 21, md. Nioma RAY, age 18. / 25 December 1876, Cyrus G. Smith, M.G.

PERSHING, E., age 28, md. Elizabeth McPHERSON, age 28. / 07 January 1877, W.W. Davis, M.G.

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PIPKINS, J.M., age 23, md. Susan MICKEL, age 20. / 07 January 1877, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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MORRIS, J.B., age 21, md. Rosa SHANDY, age 16. / 31 January 1877, James K. Howell, M.G.

STEPHENS, George, age 25, md. Mary WORTHINGTON, age 27. / 01 February 1877, C.G. Smith, M.G., Pastor, Col. Baptist Church.

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JANES, William, age 25, md. Annie SINCLAIR, age 22. / 08 December 1876, Cyrus G. Smith, M.G., Pastor, Col. Baptist Church.

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TRAHERN, James N., age 60, md. Jane CROSSEN, age 30. / 04 February 1877, Mathew Grey, M.G.

MCNAMEE, John, age 28, md. Kate McNALLY, age 25. / 13 February 1877, Michael Smyth, M.G.

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CARR, Monroe, age 25, md. Annie MURPHY, age 17. / 16 February 1877, C.P. Swift, J.P.

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SLOVER, J.M., age 23, md. Nella J. BARBER, age 23. / 26 November 1877, W.M. Davis, M.G.

SPRINGER, James M., age 19, md. Mary CARR, age 22. / 18 February 1877, C.P. Swift, J.P.

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BOUCK, Charles W., age 27, md. Mattie MORGAN, age 19. / 19 April 1877, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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MUSSETT, J.C., age 27, md. M.A. BUCHANAN, age 19. / 01 April 1877, James K. Howell, M.G.

HELBLING, Felix, age 44, md. Katharine WEITZ, age 17. / 05 April 1877, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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CUMMINGS, William S., age 25, md. Mary LARKINS, age 24. / 20 April 1877, C.P. Swift, J.P.

WILKINSON, James C., age 32, md. Mary Jane MAJORS, age 18. / 22 April 1877, Henry Turner, M.G.

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BRACHT, Charles, age 27, md. Lizzie RENTZEL/REUTZEL, age 23. / 16 April 1877, P.F. German, M.G.

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HUNTER, Wallace C., age 26, md. Cecelia FOLSOM, age 25. / 20 April 1877, N.B. McNabb, M.G.

CONWAY, B.F., age 27, md. Wesley Ann PAGE, age 24. / 04 April 1877, N.B. McNabb, M.G.

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SURETTE/SMITH, William, age 25., md. Mary DONOHOE, age 25. / 17 April 1877, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

SCHLUTER, Frederick, age 25, md. Lina SPIEKEN, age 21. / 23 May 1877, P.F. German, M.G.

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LUISCHEL, Frederick, age 22, md. Louisa SCHOEPE, age 21. / 24 May 1877, P.F. German, M.G.

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WIBBING, John F., age 23, md. Emma JONES, age 20. / 23 May 1877, P.F. German, M.G.

BROWN, Lewis, age 24, md. Mary RUFFNER, age 20. / 08 May 1877, C.G. Smith, M.G.

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SPARKS, David B., age 26, md. Lillie G. PRYER, age 22. / 13 June 1877, William A. Samples, M.G.

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HANCOCK, Charles I., age 27, md. Grace SQUIRE, age 20. / 18 August 1877, Mathew Grey, J.P.

REYNOLDS, Thomas, age 22, md. Ida DRAKE, age 16. / 14 September 1877, C.P. Swift, J.P.

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DEPRIEST, Joseph, age 23, md. Nancy KITCHENS, age 27. / 07 June 1877, James K. Howell, M.G.

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MYERS, David, age 29, md. Rutha HESTON, age 19. / 12 July 1877, Henry Turner, M.G.

GAINES, Robert, age 22, md. Mary Ann SODERS, age 20. / 05 July 1877, James K. Howell, M.G.

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MALEDON, John G., age 40, md. Nancy Jane TUMBLIN, age 22. / 30 May 1877, Lawrence Smythe, Priest.

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CARSON, L.W., age 23, md. Catharine WINDELL, age 21. / 09 August 1877, Michael Smyth, Priest.

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JACOBS, David, age 24, md. Sallie BROWN, age 21. / 23 August 1877, Mathew Grey, J.P.

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628 Banner Street, Camden, AR 71701

Phillips County Historical Society
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Mrs. Dick Cunningham, Editor
138 North 3rd, West Helena, AR 72390

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P.O. Box 135, Murfreesboro, AR 71958

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c/o Mr. Cleo Tucker
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Pope County Genealogical Society
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Pope County Historical Association
c/o Mrs. Elaine Weir Cia, Editor
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Pope County Historical Association Quarterly (4)

Pope County Historical Foundation
2206 Red Hill Lane, Russellville, AR 72801
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Prairie County Historical Society
c/o Sam Weems
P.O. Box 451, Hazen, AR 72064

Pulaski County Historical Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 653, Little Rock, AR 72203
Pulaski County Historical Review (4)
Martha Williamson Rimmer, Editor
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ALSO SEE NORTH LITTLE ROCK
ALSO SEE QUAPAW QUARTER

Quapaw Quarter Association
P.O. Box 1104, Little Rock, AR 72203
The Chronicle (6)
Starr Mitchell, Editor

Randolph County Historical Society
202 East Church, Pocahontas, AR 72455

Redfield Historical Society
General Delivery, Redfield, AR 72132

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c/o Mrs. Helen Cannon
112 South Izard Street, Forrest City, AR 72335

Scott County Historical Society (hoping to organize, 1983)
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P.O. Box 446, Waldron, AR 72958

Sebastian County: South Sebastian County Historical Society
Route 3, Box 42, Greenwood, AR 72936
The Key
H.G. Alvarez, Editor
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Sevier County Historical Society
Route 3, Gillham, AR 71841
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Sharp County Journal (1)
Maurine Kramer, Editor
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Smackover Genealogical and Historical Society
700 North Broadway, Smackover, AR 71762

Sons of the American Revolution, Arkansas Society
c/o Robert W. Dhonau, Secretary
4410 Lee Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72205
Arkansas Patriot, newsletter (4)

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Arkansas
P.O. Box 1244, Little Rock, AR 72203
Arkansas Pilgrim (2)

Southwest Arkansas Genealogical Society
c/o Mrs. Kathleen Fullenwider, Editor
523 East Union Street, Magnolia, AR 71753
SO-WE-AR Genealogical Society (2)

Stone County Historical Society
c/o Angalee Rushing
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Heritage of Stone (2)
Freda Massey and Robbie Purdom, Editors
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Stuttgart Agricultural Museum
921 East 4th Street, Stuttgart, AR 72160
Helen L. Boyd, Director

Texarkana Historical Society and Museum
P.O. Box 2343, Texarkana, AR-TX 75504
Museum Newsletter (6)

Texarkana Texas Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 2323, Texarkana, TX 75504
Texarkana USA Quarterly
Charlotte May, Editor
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Union County Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 1202, El Dorado, AR 71730-1202
Tracks and Traces (2)
Shirley A. Dollar, Editor
c/o Barton Library
East 5th & North Jefferson Streets, El Dorado, AR 71730

Van Buren County Historical Society
P.O. Box 439, Clinton, AR 72031
Newsletter (at various times)
R.J. Boise, Editor
P.O. Box 145, Shirley, AR 72153

Victorian Military History Institute
P.O. Box 7401, Little Rock, AR 72217
VMHI Despatch, monthly newsletter
VMHI Blue Book, quarterly journal
Jerry L. Russell, Editor
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Washington County Historical Society
30 South College, Fayetteville, AR 72701
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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Newhouse, Editors
1211 East Ridgeway Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Westerners International, Little Rock Corral
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Newsletter, monthly
Jerry L. Russell, Editor
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White County Historical Society
P.O. Box 537, Searcy, AR 72143
White County Heritage (1)
Eloise Scott, Editor
407 North Pecan, Beebe, AR 72012

Woodruff County Historical Society
c/o Mrs. Sammy Baker, Treasurer
214 Spruce Street, Augusta, AR 72006
Rivers and Roads and Points in Between (4)
Mrs. Dale McGregor, Editor
P.O. Box 236, Cotton Plant, AR 72036

Yell County Arkansas Historical Society
P.O. Box 356, Russellville, AR 72801
Quarterly Publication
Mary V. Humphrey, Editor
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1884 NEWSPAPERS

EXCERPTED FROM *THE NEW ERA*

May 1, 1884 - November 20, 1884

By: Dorothy Williams

1884 was election year. It is needless to say that Valentine Dell, editor of the *New Era* and an outspoken Republican, gave full coverage to the Republican National Convention, the Republican platform adopted June 5, 1884, and the election in which he was sorely disappointed when Grover Cleveland, a Democrat, was elected President of the United States, defeating the Republican nominee, James G. Blaine. As a newspaper editor, he did cover the Democratic Convention in an adequate but not an elaborate manner.

The United States was in a financial recession, banks nationwide were failing, and the financial ruin of former President U.S. Grant played a large part in preventing his re-nomination for president.

The Methodist University at Harrison, Arkansas, after having been burned three times, had to be moved; articles of association of the Morrilton Glass Works were filed with the Secretary of State; items were collected for exhibit at the World's Fair in New Orleans; a colossal statue of Martin Luther was unveiled in Washington; railroads continued to expand; there were ten graduates from the State University at Fayetteville; large numbers of Jews were emigrating to America from Russian Poland; the Pan-Presbyterian Council was in session at Belfast, Ireland; every session of the local courts was fully covered by *The New Era*, including names of jurors; and the postmaster continued to publish names of persons having mail at the post office. All of this and much more was reported in *The New Era* and also in *The Fort Smith Elevator* which was published during this same time period.

Although *The New Era* was published until the death of Editor Valentine Dell on October 10, 1885, November 20, 1884, is the last issue of *The New Era* available to your editors at this time; and excerpts from the 1885 newspapers which will be printed in the April 1985 issue of *The Journal* are from *The Fort Smith Elevator* which was established by John Carnall & Company. First published on November 1, 1878, it advocates Democratic principles.

May 1, 1884

The Sheriff of Sevier County passed through here Tuesday morning in pursuit of three horse thieves. He reports having passed the men that stole Col. Cravens' horse and also the parties in pursuit of them, while on his way here.

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U.S. Deputy Marshal L.W. Marks came in Monday with four prisoners: William Curtis, colored, who shot and killed another colored man, Dave McDonald, near Adair, C.N., a few days ago; John Williams, larceny; A.L. Bond, murder; Charles Shoulder, introducing whiskey into the Indian country.

May 8, 1884

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Monday night at the City Hall, and all were present except Mayor Carnall and Alderman Davis. Alderman Baker was elected Secretary Pro Tem. An ordinance providing for the construction of gutters on the Avenue was read the second time. A petition from Doyle, Knott & Blakemore to erect a warehouse covered with iron within the fire limits was granted. A petition from the farmers, to have a city weigher appointed, was referred to the ordinance committee. A petition from Mr. Newman for permission to lay a wooden crossing opposite the LeGrande Hotel was granted conditionally. Mr. John Porter was appointed sanitary policeman and will go the rounds soon. Conrad Hoffman was elected city sexton. After transacting some other business, the Council adjourned.

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Quarterly meeting at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church next Saturday and Sunday (May 10th and 11th). The presiding elder, Rev. W.J. Simmons, will officiate. M.T. Brown, pastor.

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U.S. COURT

The May term of this court began on Monday. The docket is large, and many witnesses are in attendance. The grand and petit juries were empaneled as follows:

Grand Jury

W.B. Thurman, Foreman; James Tankard, J.E. Harris, J.H. Youngblood, Henry Spencer, G.F. Bethel, John Lackey, Robert Hicks, G.W. Leadbetter, H.C. Limberger, H. Arbauch, W.R. Miller, M. Ballard, P.H. Farmer, S.A. Allel, John Dunn, Benj. Allison, Allen Foster.

Petit Jury

Joseph Ballentine, Jno. Sadler, A.A. Moorman, W.J. Seamans, Benj. J. Hunston, J.W. Officer, W.H.H. Shibley, Mark Jackson, W.S. Busset, K.L. Harrison, J.J. Littleton, H. Turner, W.J. Grist, I.H. Hayes, H.S. Anderson, P.B. King, J.C. Russel, J.H. Jones, W.J. Smith, C.O. Rowlette, W.J. O'Neal, Phillip Hennessey, B.E. Martin, Frank Harwood, James Pugh, M. Stroup, L.A. McPher-

son, H.A. Sawyer, M.F. Knight, W.H. Ross, H.N. Henry, Burrell Hawkins, Job Bagsby, H. Patterson, James Joel, N.B. Howard, H.C. Martin.

The following cases have been disposed of thus far:
Andrew Russell, introducing: fined \$10 and imprisoned 3 hours.

Henry Crutchfield, introducing: \$10 fine and 10 days in jail.

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STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

The State Medical Society, in session last week at Little Rock, adjourned on Friday. This city was selected as the place of meeting next year. The following officers were elected:

President - Dr. T.W. Hurley of Bentonville
Vice-Presidents - Drs. W.P. Hart of Washington; R.S. Wallis of Arkadelphia; J.J. McAlmont of Little Rock; E.H. Alexander of Pine Bluff
Secretary - Dr. L.P. Gibson of Little Rock
Assistant Secretary - Dr. J.G. Eberle of Fort Smith
Treasurer - Dr. A.L. Breysacher of Little Rock
Librarian - Dr. L.R. Stark of Little Rock.

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May 15, 1884

Mr. J.K. Foltz, the famous strawberry grower of the county, began picking the berries Monday with a force of 50 odd hands. Monday he shipped 50 crates by express to Kansas City, and some to other points.

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Articles of association were filed yesterday of the Fort Smith Water Company. The purpose of the company is to supply the Border City with a good supply of water. The capital stock is \$100,000, limited. The directors are David S. Thomas of Carthage, Mo., Charles W. Hill of Parsons, Kan., Hubbard Stone, E.A. Thomas and John Vaile of Fort Smith. David Thomas and C.W. Hill own \$99,700 worth of stock.

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THE FORT SMITH RESERVATION

Last Wednesday, the 7th inst., the House of Representatives passed the bill below quoted and introduced into the Senate by Hon. J.D. Walker and passed by that body, donating the military reservation near this place to this city for the benefit of our public schools. The bill was reported on favorably by the committee on Public Lands, consisting of twelve members, only three of whom dissented, two Republicans and one Democrat. The debate preceding the passage of the act was a lively one, but our vigorous young Representative from this city, Hon. John H. Rogers, was fully a match for all objectors, even to Holman, the original objector. All our Representatives were in favor of it, and Mr. Dunn especially aided Mr. Rogers in the fight. The bill will doubtless become a law, by the President's signature. The boon bestowed

is a magnificent one and by the administration of honest and competent men can be made of untold benefit to the latest generations.....

(Editor's note: The bill which was quoted in full with this article will be printed in a later issue of *The Journal* which will cover the history of Fort Smith schools.)

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May 22, 1884

THE THIRD AND LAST CALL

For the third time has it been placed within the reach of the city of Fort Smith to build up a magnificent system of public schools. Forty years ago, the United States Government relinquished its claims to the sixteenth section, now a part of this city, but then occupied as headquarters for the troops in the then Far West. General, afterwards President, Zach Taylor commanded there once. The then city fathers seemed to have thought little of the importance and value of the magnificent gift and let it pass into the possession of the Catholic Bishop, in whose possession it is today, except what has been sold to the purchasers of city lots. The value of this piece of land will eventually foot up to fully one million of dollars.

When the Arkansas Industrial University was created, this city could easily have secured that invaluable boon, worth in dollars and cents even fifty times the amount needed to secure it. But a senseless prejudice, carefully fostered by a Bourbon paper, scornfully rejected the gift and the enlightened citizens of the little out of the way mountain town of Fayetteville, under the lead of such men as Judge Gregg, eagerly secured it. What it has made Fayetteville, anyone can see at a glance.

Again fortune smiles upon our favored city. The military reservation upon which the "fort" was built after removing the troops out of the sixteenth section, has for many years (since 1871) been given up by the War Department as useless and was turned over to the keeping of the U.S. Marshal. This tract bordering immediately upon the city and its main business street has been sought to be turned over to it for educational purposes for more than a dozen years. Somehow the effort was negatory, until the present session, when by the combined efforts of our Senators and Representatives the bill passed both Houses of Congress and was duly signed a few days ago by the President.

This gift turns over to this city about 270 acres of land, which ultimately will realize under PRUDENT and HONEST management not less than three hundred thousand dollars and perhaps half a million.....

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The Gardiner livery stable building has been leased to McCloud & Moore. The yearly rent is \$1,050.

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The new furniture factory building near the slough in the nothern part of the city is about completed and ready for occupancy.

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The work of tearing down the old frame buildings on the corner of Garrison Avenue and Knox (No. 6) Street began Tuesday, to make room for the three story brick to be erected there.

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The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Arkansas met at Hot Springs on the 13th. Messrs. R.M. Johnson, W.H.H. Clayton and B.F. Atkinson of this city attended as members.

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We are opposed to building three or four story school houses. There is too much danger and inconvenience. Let each ward have its own school house.

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Several new buildings are to be erected on the Avenue soon, among them we notice J.G. Miller.

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THE "PEA GREEN" MUST GO

There is a house of ill fame, built and owned for that purpose by a wretched woman, right in the midst of as respectable a set of people as this or any other city can boast of. Yet this house with its degraded and accursed inmates has been a constant source of great annoyance and danger to the people of blocks around and of great injury to the property owners of all that part of this city. The families in the immediate vicinity of this pest hole are compelled to keep their rooms darkened and the doors and front gates locked, to save themselves from insult and often from violence. A large petition, signed by such people as Postmaster Barnes, Mrs. General Bonnevillie, Caspar Reutzel, John Guler, Anthony Neis, August Reichert, Joe Ferrari, Mr. Manning, Thos. Halliburton, J.T. Hendry, W.D. Sharp, and many others, all heads of families and large property owners and taxpayers, was presented to the Mayor and Council last December. This demand for relief was ignored on the ground that the house itself was not complained of in the petition, but only its VISITORS. What wretched sophistry or still more wretched stupidity!

We read in the Scriptures that the presence of a fly spoiled the jar of precious ointment. If a fly drops into your cup of coffee as you raise it to your lips, you turn from it with loathing and pour it out. That pea green house and others of like character are the flies in the ointment. They must and shall go.

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THE HIGHEST SCHOOL TAX CARRIED

The special school tax everywhere we heard of was carried last Saturday to the extent of five mills, the highest figure allowed by law. This is in addition to the

state school tax of two mills. Is anything more required to prove that Arkansas is fully alive to her best interest, viz: education. At several points, the fear was that the tax would be voted down, but the friends of progress rallied to a man and made the old fogies ashamed of themselves. All honor to Arkansas.

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My friend, instead of lending the *New Era* to half a dozen or a dozen of your neighbors to read, tell them it is a shame and nothing short of stealing from us. We know that the *New Era* has ten readers to one subscriber. This is not fair. We ought to have 5000 in this county alone. The *New Era* ought to be in every household because it is the ONLY paper in state that fearlessly stands up in all respects for the people's rights and interests, regardless of party ties.

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May 29, 1884

A NEW BANK

We are informed that parties from Ohio contemplate opening another banking establishment in this city. We hail with pleasure this addition to the financial capacity of our young city, where capital readily finds so many ways of profitable investment.

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CIRCUIT COURT

The May term of the Sebastian Circuit Court, Fort Smith District, convened last Monday, Judge Rutherford presiding. The following is a list of the grand and petit jurors:

Grand Jury

I.W. Bruce, Foreman; W.J. Echols, Jacob Pappenheimer, Sam'l McLoud, John Matthews, Joseph Adler, C.A. Birnie, E.B. Bright, R.G. Bulgin, J.S. Bostick, J.P. Collier, Patrick Devlin, John Dodson, J.K. Foltz, M. McEachin, B. Baer.

Petit Jury

J.B.L. Barnes, R.C. Nutter, John Ulmer, Thos. Hurley, J.P. Bloomberg, V.V. Beavers, L.C. Pendleton, Henry C. Estes, Robert Arrington, Sam'l Bear, R.C. Bollinger, Lewis Bowlin, Thomas Davis, J.M. Sloan, Felix Helbling, Jnl. Buschamp, Hayden Mayers, W.L. Reeves, Charles Reutzel, J.E. Weaver, J.W. Bossert, Isaac Kaufman, T.J. Worthen, Neil K. Pryor.

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June 5, 1884

We understand that a new saw mill is to be erected soon on the river bank near the depot.

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A new barber shop was opened up last week on Knox (No. 6) Street by some colored gentlemen from the East.

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ANOTHER RAILROAD FOR FORT SMITH

Articles of association were filed this morning with the Secretary of State for the Kansas City, Arkansas & Fort Smith Railway Company. The road will be built from Kansas City, Mo., to Fort Smith. It will strike Arkansas in Boone County, thence through Washington, Crawford and Sebastian counties to Fort Smith. The capital stock is \$1,000,000. One thousand dollars per mile of the proposed road have been subscribed and paid. A. Beardon, B.S. Morris, J.R. Rutherford, J.B. Newberry and A.J. Egy are the board of directors elect, who are authorized, as commissioners, to open the books for subscription.

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Walnut lumber is being shipped in considerable quantities from here to points east as far as New York.

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With sincere regret we learn of the death of Miss Maggie Crawford. Miss Crawford was quite a favorite in this city and one short year ago was the picture of health and loveliness. She was attacked by quick consumption, and her parents left this city last July with her and went at once to Florida in hope of restoring her health. She seemed to rally for a time, but soon gave way, and died on the 24th of May at Tampa, Florida. To her stricken parents and her relatives in this city, we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour.

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MARRIED

On Monday morning, June 2nd, at 10 o'clock at the Episcopal Church in this city, Mr. Charles M. Cooke to Miss Sachie Luce, Rev. J.L. Berne officiating.

On the 4th inst. by Rev. L. Smythe, Mr. Joseph Hess to Mrs. Mary Donoghue, all of this city.

Well, Joe got caught at last, and like a sensible young man, he took a bride who can tell him all about the duties of married life, for she is a grandmother but as active, goodlooking and well preserved as a girl of twenty.

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June 12, 1884

LIST OF LETTERS

Uncalled for in post office at Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas, June 12, 1884. Those not called for in 28 days will be sent to Dead Letter Office, Washington, D.C. Please say "advertised" when inquiring:

Atkinson Jno	Bostwick Eliza
Baird Wm O	Bostick Geo W
Barnes Field	Bradley Macon
Barlin Tilda	Brown Rosa Lee
Budray W H	Brown W M
Bean Robin	Brooks Joe
Black R	Brent James

Bryson T C
Breedlove J W
Buons Jno H
Carney Ellis
Carlo Maro
Canady R B
Carver J A
Claton J C
Cooper J C
Conner J F - 2
Cunningham G J
Davis Mary
Davis G W
Eggleston J S
Ferguson Joseph
Ferrier J T
Furgeson Will
Fletcher C W
Fome W
Franklin George
Hall Eugene
Haug J P
Hargrove E P
Heard Nellie
Hall Mr. J
Mahan A
Mays W F
Mease G W
Meader L P
Michel May
Miler Mohulda

Miller M J
Moore Jessie
Moore J M
Moore Jno W
Napoleon Link
Pugh James
Prime Henry
Quinn Louis
Reid M E
Rees Mrs. A
Rees Capt. Thad
Rodgers Andrew
Rodgers Jno
Smith F T
Seal W H
Shaw Marion
Sholder Charley
Smith Alice
Smith Dianner
Smith Maria J
Steel J P
Taylor S A - 2
Teak P P Wm
Tirden J W
Watson F
Wasson H M
Wimple Jno H
Wilson Edmund
Willson D P
Wridner Wm
White Robt

J.K. Barnes, P.M.

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WHY

Will some people be imposed upon by the clap trap advertisements of second rate stores when this old established and reliable house, the BOSTON STORE, is offering such inducements and low prices:

Fans 1 cent
Handkerchiefs 2 cents
Remnant of prints 2 cents
Hosiery 5 cents
Boys full regular 1/2 Hose, no seams, 3¢, worth 20¢
Sailor Hats 10¢.

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June 19, 1884

The Academy of Music was the scene of a brilliant Hebrew wedding last evening. Mr. S.W. Levi of Cincinnati, Ohio was married to Miss Annie Adler of this city. Rabbi J. Krauskopf officiated.

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June 26, 1884

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eb. Paterson died last Tuesday and was buried Wednesday.

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The following named delegates left Tuesday morning to attend the Democratic State Convention at Little Rock: Messrs. W.M. Cravens, J.S. Little, M.H. Sandels, Jas. H. Reed and J.B. McDonough.

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DIED

CHISOLM - in this city last Saturday, after a brief illness, Mrs. Mary Chisholm, wife of Mr. James Chisholm.....

WILLIAMSON - In this city on last Wednesday, June 25th, Mr. J.S. Williamson, of consumption, in his 40th year.

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July 3, 1884

We learn from a reliable source that the managers of the telephone exchange here will establish an exchange in Van Buren and connect the two cities, provided they can get 15 subscribers in that city to start with. We think Van Buren could well afford that number.

Below we publish extracts from a letter written by Gen. Cadwallader, traveling correspondent of the *Daily Springfield Herald*:

Ft. Smith, Ark., June 26.—The growth of this city has been wonderful since my last visit in June, 1883. Garrison Avenue is now one of the finest streets to be found in the Southwest, and is lined on both sides with substantial brick business blocks the most of its entire length. A few old shanties remain and are awaiting the good time coming when a friendly fire will send them up in smoke and flame. McKibben's European Hotel and LeGrande have been finished up, and the old Southern changed to Grand Central. Dr. Main's new hotel opposite the McKibben is receiving the finishing touches inside, when Fort Smith will have more hotel accommodations than any place of its size in the State.

Since my last visit, gas and water works, ice works and a street railroad have been added to the comfortable appliances of the place, and elegant dwellings are going up by dozens. In 1880 the population was but 3,000. In 1883 it exceeded 6,000, and is now thought to be nearly 9,000. Suburban lots sold for from \$150 to \$250 each and some land adjoining the city on the east was recently sold for \$600 per acre. Lots on Garrison Avenue (which is 120 feet wide and the principal business street of the city) sell from \$100 to \$250 per front foot, according to locality, and will average \$200 in strictly business blocks. Rents on the Avenue are from \$1000 to \$1200 per annum for good stands and comfortable buildings.

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July 10, 1884

Prof. Maynard will give his dancing class a hop at the park tonight. Only the regular attendants holding tickets will be admitted. Arrangements have been made with the street car company, and all the cars will be in readiness to convey the young people.

Messrs. John Ayers, W.L. Reeves, and C.H. Wheeler, the jury commissioners appointed by Judge Rutherford for the Fort Smith District Circuit Court of this county to select Grand and Petit jurors for the November term, have finished their labors and have been discharged.

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LIST OF LETTERS

Uncalled for in post office at Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas, July 9, 1884. Those not called for in 28 days will be sent to Dead Letter Office, Washington, D.C. Please say "advertised" when inquiring:

Allen Dalla	Pannell L.N.
Autier Sarah or A	Patton Jno
Barnes F.B.	Phillips Maggie
Blunt Jackson	Renyolds Eliza
Bartell James	Reeves Isom
Bashford T.O.	Reeves Aucu
Brown Robt	Riley Jonnie
Campbell E	Richards J.M.
Caryle Martha	Renyolds J.M.
Clark Williams	Robertson
Caldwell Jno	Sadler Jno
Combs Caroline	Saughton N.M.
Caldwell J.J.	Schoon J.M.
Crossley Nanuie	Singleton Emma - 2
Crosby J	Smith Lizzie
Degraffenread Jeff	Smelser Jno
Dunston William	Tober Jas H
Findley J.N.	Tolbert Louisia - 3
Fisher Alexander	Terrell Green
Franklin Auga	Thomas Paesade
Garrett Ella	Thompson Mollie
Howard N.B. - 3	Thomas Tom
Howard M	Thomas Tobias
Hoge Sam	Thompson Anna
McCartney C.K.	Thurston Laura
McLain Mary	Thomas Jas W
McDuffer H.N.	Van Delden Frank
McGee Mr.	Warren Thos II
Mackall Margaret	Walker J.H.
Meeks Jno A	Wilson Robt B
McNally Lura - 3	William R - 2
Meeks Jno	Woods Idelia
Norwood W.H.	Williams Malvina

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July 17, 1884

The Republican meeting last Saturday at Greenwood did not put up a candidate for Sheriff or any other county officer. This leaves the race between J.F. Williams, the Democratic candidate, and Wm. H. Bell, Republican, though he don't run under that name.

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HOW LONG HAS FORT SMITH BEEN AN INCORPORATED TOWN AND WHO WAS ITS FIRST MAYOR?—

Some old time reminiscences. . .

State of Arkansas
County of Crawford
Crawford C., Court,
October term A.D. 1840

On the application of two-thirds of the taxable inhabitants of the town of Fort Smith. It is ordered and ordained that the said town of Fort Smith in the county of Crawford in the State of Arkansas, be and the same is hereby incorporated and the inhabitants within the said town of Fort Smith are hereby constituted a politic and corporation by the Alderman and Town Council of the town of Fort Smith. The said corporation to enclose within its limits all the tract of land embraced within the town of Fort Smith as designated by a plat of said town on file in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Crawford County.

And Nathaniel Gookin is hereby appointed Alderman, and A. Harris, C.A. Birney, A.G. Mayers, Wm. I. McMillan and John Rogers are appointed Councilmen for said town.

The said corporation to be invested with all the powers and privileges, and to be governed in all things by the existing laws pertaining to incorporated towns.

A true copy from the original

(signed) A. McLean, Clerk

..... We will just remark here, that Sebastian County at the date of incorporation of Fort Smith, formed part of Crawford County and that the county seat was some 25 miles below here on the Arkansas River at what is still known as the Crawford County Courthouse site. Also, the term of Alderman mentioned in the act of incorporation was then what is now equivalent with Mayor.

Below we will give a few of the first Council proceedings, with the names, etc. of the municipal authorities, names still well known here in their descendants, though some of the old folks themselves are still alive.

The Birthday of Fort Smith

Inasmuch as at some future day Fort Smith, now a town of 10,000 people, may desire to celebrate its centennial or semi-centennial birthday, it will be necessary to fix upon a certain day; and inasmuch as in the above quoted incorporation act of the county court no day is mentioned, it will be but fair to fix as the natal day of our city the day on which the first municip-

pal government organized, viz: November 2, 1840. This day was certainly within a few days of the granting of the order of incorporation:

Chapter First

Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 2, 1840

Sec. 1. At a meeting of the Alderman and Council of the corporation of the town of Fort Smith, present Alderman Gookin, Councilmen John Rogers, A.G. Mayers, W.J. McMillan, and Chas. A. Birnie. Shelby Hogg was ordained Clerk, Assessor, Collector and Treasurer of said corporation.

Sec. 2. Be it ordained that James L. Knapp be appointed Town Constable for the corporation of the town of Fort Smith.

The second meeting of the Council was Nov. 5th, at which the pay of the Town Constable was fixed at \$200 per year and fees, which was not bad. A number of other ordinances were passed of the usual nature, viz: licenses, keeping order, etc., etc. Slaves had to have passes from their masters to be out after 10 p.m. or receives from 10 to 39 lashes. Saloon license was 2½ dollars a month.

On the 10th, Mayor Gookin tried his first case before a full Council. Wm. R. Clayton, Wm. Harvey, Henry Doughty and C. Leshner, drunk and disorderly. Fine one dollar and cost.

At the next meeting, a city jail was ordered to be built, sixteen feet square and eight feet high. At the same meeting, a citizen patrol was organized to keep order, as there were many rough characters about town; also an ordinance prohibiting gambling between negroes and white (gambling itself was not considered wrong among people of the same race), and selling or giving whiskey to soliders or slaves.

At the next meeting Nov. 21st, 1840, Wm. Underwood and Jim McCafferty were arraigned before His Highmightiness the Alderman and a full Council on the charge "of having cut Mr. Kelley's chin with a knife. Witnesses, McMackin and Dutch John, the carpenter." A.G. Mayers was taxed ten dollars for a billiard table till the 1st of January next.

On the 12th of January, 1841, Council met and ordered an election on the 14th (two days later), for an entire new Council. The voting was to be done at A.G. Mayer's billiard saloon. Judges: Shelby Hogg, Chas. M. Hudspeth and Samuel Edmondson. . . . At the same meeting, persons without visible means of support were to be arrested and fined \$50 or to work for the city at the rate of fifty cents a day. Such a law today would give Fort Smith 500 involuntary laborers.

The First Election

The first municipal election in this city came off as ordered on January 14th, 1841, and though held in a saloon, there seemed to have been no disturbance. On the 16th, new officers were sworn in as follows: Alderman or Mayor, Chas. A. Birnie; Councilmen - Joshua Tebbetts, Wm. F. Brown, David Brigham, James

Campbell, Joseph H. Herd. Francis Redman was appointed Constable. The new Council at its first session passed quite a number of new ordinances and repealed some of the old ones.

The First Tax

Among other things, it was ordained to assess all property on the 4th of March following and to levy a tax of ONE EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT or twelve and one-half cents on one hundred dollars worth of property. Think of that, ye fleeced taxpayers of A.D. 1884, who now pay about thirty times that much.

On January 25th, the Council passed a Sunday law, making it an offense to sell anything within the corporation under a fine of five dollars, but left open the back entrance, as usual, in the proviso "that wagons coming in from the country could have anything they wanted". That settled the Sunday law. Hotel keepers were taxed five dollars for three months; saloon keepers, five dollars to April 1st from January 16th; dogs one dollar a year, sluts three dollars.

On February 1st, the Council "ordained" that the fine for carrying arms was from \$5 to \$50, at the discretion of the Alderman; all males between sixteen and forty-five should work twelve days on the streets for the year 1841; that the Clerk and Assessor should receive a salary of \$125 a year; that every household should keep at least one water bucket to extinguish fires; that four fire ladders should be procured; that persons failing to turn out to work the streets should be dealt with to the full extent of the law; and that Councilmen failing to attend a meeting after having been duly notified should be fined \$3 each time.

Raising Internal Revenue

On March 1st, 1841, the Council, finding the tax of 1/8 of one percent would not meet expenses, ordered an assessment of one percent on all goods brought here for sale, whether in stores or on flatboats and steamboats, etc.; five dollars a day for all exhibitions in circus, theater, etc.; and saloon keepers to be fined from five to fifty dollars for allowing fighting or any kind of disorder in their houses.

On April 19th, 1841, Charles A. Birnie resigned the office of Mayor or Alderman. He was succeeded by C.M. Hudspeth, and John Carnall was appointed Clerk and Treasurer.

Here we will stop for the present. If we find anything of interest in succeeding pages of the record, we may give it to our readers at some future day.

July 24, 1884

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. R.D. Seals, which occurred at Tahlequah, I.T., on the 21st inst., after several weeks severe illness. Dr. Seals and family have been in the Territory several months in the hope that the change would benefit Mrs. Seals, but in vain.

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Mr. Simon Baer and bride arrived yesterday evening and received a warm welcome from their numerous friends in this city.

July 31, 1884

Last Saturday the School Board met in regular session. Mr. Atkinson, the President, thanked Hon. J.H. Rogers, our M.C., for the zeal and successful efforts displayed by him in securing the military reservation for public school purposes. Miss M.B. Farrow of this City and Miss Jessie Cravens of Fayetteville were appointed teachers in the primary department. The selection of a principal for the High School was postponed for the present.

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DIED

BOOTH—On the 22nd inst., at her home, six miles south of here, of consumption; Alvina, wife of Dr. John T. Booth, aged thirty years.

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The work of putting in the hydrants on the Avenue at the points selected by the Council was commenced yesterday.

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From the *Daily Gazette* we learn of the affirm of the case of the Supreme Court entitled Hershey vs Stryker et al.

This is a heavy blow to many citizens of Fort Smith, who always regarding the title of Capt. John Rogers' heirs as perfect, now find that Mr. Hershey for about 12 years past has owned one sixth interest in the old town and the lands adjacent. Many lots have been sold and fine improvements made thereon, and the purchasers now find that they must settle with another party for a sixth interest.

August 7, 1884

Over the State

According to the census of 1880, there are 970 blind persons in this State, less than 150 of whom are at the asylum.

There are 304,773 children of school age in this State.—EX

Yes, and about as many more older children who have never been to school.

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Mr. Mike Wallace has the contract of paving the gutters on Garrison Avenue at \$1.20 a lineal foot.

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The Board of Health met on Monday noon and declared the lot between the City Hotel and the LeGrand a nuisance. The Board also recommended

property owners and businessmen on Garrison Avenue between Green (No. 4th) and the town branch to obtain their supply of water from the water works for sanitary reasons. That's well enough, but why did they exclude the block just below, containing, on both sides of the street, no less than twenty-three business houses, including hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, saloons, meat markets, etc., etc., more business houses than are contained in any other block in the city and all of which have scarcely one good well among them.

Mr. Frank Taylor, at one time an efficient Deputy U.S. Marshal under several chiefs, died of dropsy last Saturday night in a boarding house on the Avenue and was buried on Sunday. He was a Cherokee, but nearly white.

D.E. Cofield had a cancerous leg amputated last week by Dr. J.E. Bennett, assisted by several other physicians. The operation was skillfully performed, but the old man sunk rapidly and died last Monday.

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August 7, 1884

In this issue will be found the announcement of J.C. Wilkerson as a candidate for the office of township constable. Capt. W., for many years a Dep. U.S. Marshal, will doubtless make a competent officer if elected.

The United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas met last Monday in regular term.

The criminal docket is a heavy one, as usual. The following are the Grand and Petit juries.

Grand Jury

M.T. Tatum, foreman; Benjamin F. McBroom, Jasper N. Hargraves, Thos. P. Hackett, A.W., Stovall, J.J. George, Thomas S. Foster, John B. Clark, Wilbur Crane, Wm. H. Barton, James M. Bonham, Sanford C. McDonald, George E. Evans, Jefferson C. Freeman, Newton A. Daniels, Stephen Bangs, Frank White, Robert Spoon, Elbert B. Smith, John Coleman, Joseph Ban.

Petit Jury

Harrison Buckner, Chas. Bookout, Geo. A. Brown, Frederick W. Boas, Wm. Birnie, J.H. Caldwell, Samuel Edmondson, Wm. Harper, George W. Kersey, Eli Page, D.C. Smothers, John T. Vogel, Geo. E. West, Jerry Washington, Sebastian County.

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August 14, 1884

MARRIED

At Eufaula, C.N., on Tuesday, August 5th, Dr. Leo Bennett of this city and Miss Lonie Stidham of Eufaula. At Russellville, Ark., at the residence of the bride's

father, Wednesday morning, August 6th, by Rev. B.H. Milner, Mr. W.F. Coors of Las Vegas, N.M., to Miss Florence Preuit.

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U.S. Court is in session. A quick lauded, enterprising, thoroughly skilled photographer could make his fortune here now. Such a mixture of faces, colors, races, dresses, equipments, with a babel of languages, is seen nowhere else in the United States outside of Fort Smith at the opening of the U.S. Court.

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August 21, 1884

The Fort Smith & Booneville Telephone Co. was organized last Friday at Charleston, with G.W. Smith, President, and H.B. Armistead, Secretary; and J.P. Collier, G.N. Wright, S.M. Hodges, J.A. Keith, J.H. Jones, and W.S. Kelleam, Directors.

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A great deal has been said for the past month or so about a city weigher. The war of words was wholly unnecessary. In the interest of fairness to buyer and seller alike, and as a matter of convenience to both, correct scales and an authorized person to serve them are necessary. We give below the ordinance establishing the office of City Weigher as passed by the Council on the 12th inst.

Section 1st. The city shall procure and keep a set of Standard platform scales, and also portable cotton form scales, suitable for weighing in bulk or by the load.

Section 2nd. At the second meeting of the Council after the first Tuesday in April of each year, the Council shall elect a suitable and competent person to be known as the city weigher.

Section 3rd. The city recorder shall procure at the expense of the city weigher, as often as may be necessary, a blank scale book with a stub for each ticket. . . .

Section 4th. Said weigher shall attend in person or by deputy at the city scales from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. of each day, Sundays excepted, and weigh all articles brought thereto for that purpose.

Section 5th. The city weigher shall charge and collect from the seller or owner of the property, or person at whose request the same was weighed, the following fees:

For each bale of cotton	10 cts
For each loaded wagon	10 cts
For each unloaded wagon	5 cts
For each head of cattle	10 cts
For each head of hogs or sheep	5 cts
For each draft of hogs or sheep over one . .	10 cts
For each draft of any commodity not weighed in the wagon	10 cts
For each hogshead of sugar or bacon or other articles or bale of hides	10 cts

And as full compensation for his services, the city weigher shall retain three-fourths of all the fees so charged and collected by him.

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FIFTH ANNUAL FAIR

Extensive preparations are being made by the Fair Association of Western Arkansas for a brilliant exhibit at the Fair in October. The program for each day is good, and there will be a number of fine horses here. The premium list is a splendid one, and proves the interest manifested by our citizens. There will be balloon ascensions and wild Indians in attendance, in addition to numerous other attractive features. As it will be the only Fair in the State of any importance, a large attendance is expected, and it is to be hoped that all enjoyment will not be spoiled by the heavy rains such as we were afflicted with last year. The Fair begins on the 14th and continues five days. The opening address will be delivered by Col. Thos. H. Barnes.

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September 4, 1884

The sidewalks on Green Street (No. 4th) extending from Garrison Avenue to Sycamore Street (North C) are about completed and fill a long-felt want.

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The hook and ladder truck and three hose carriages arrived last Saturday on the Frisco from Chicago. The carriages will be stationed at some central point in each ward, and the truck at the city hall.

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DONOHUE.—On the 1st inst. at her home, three miles from town of heart disease, Mary, wife of Francis Donohue, aged about sixty years.

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WEDDING BELLS

Dr. A.E. Kimmons and Mrs. Alice R. Leisles were married last evening at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of Rev. W.A. Sample. The ceremony was witnessed by only the relatives of the contracting parties. After the ceremony, the newly married couple repaired to their suite of rooms connected with the doctor's office where they received the hearty congratulations of their friends.

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Cadet Midshipman E.W. Eberle arrived Monday from Anapolis, and will spend this month with his relatives here. He will then go on a three year cruise to Asia.

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September 11, 1884

Gas fixtures are being placed in the Opera House, and when next it is used the gas light will be a great improvement on the lamps used heretofore.

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COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

OFFICE DEPUTY COLLECTOR
INTERNAL REVENUE
FORT SMITH, ARK.

All persons desiring Internal Revenue licenses can hereafter procure same by applying to the undersigned at Fort Smith.

JOHN C. MANNING
Deputy Collector

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The city sprinkler will cease operating next week. This will be a sad blow to the people on the Avenue, but they will have no one to blame but themselves. Mr. Zinn, the contractor, has been poorly supported, and since the laying of the gutters, many merchants have refused to contribute to maintain a sprinkler. We are just approaching the very worst season for dust for months to come. Those who know what the Avenue dust is in September, October and November will be dismayed. Those who don't know will wish they had never found out.

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A new steamer, the Jennie May, has been built by Messrs. Huff and Junk for the upriver trade. She left last Tuesday for Webbers Falls with a large cargo of flour, coffee, hardware, furniture, etc.

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There is still a deadlock in the City Council in regard to the election of a city weigher. There are two aspirants to the position, Mr. S.W. Johnson and Mr. J.S. Meek, and at the last meeting of the Council there was still a tie.

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The work of laying the water mains from the Avenue to the reservoir is progressing steadily. Water will be turned on about the fifteenth of next month.

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Will Sample has passed his examination and been admitted to West Point. This fact is a source of much pride and pleasure to his friends and family.

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The public schools open next Monday with Prof. N.P. Gates as Superintendent; Mr. T.W. Moseley, Principal of the grammar department; Misses Farrow, Cox, Evans, Sparks, Cravens and Hite, teachers of the intermediate and primary departments at Bell Grove and Peabody.

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September 18, 1884

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Vickery and Mr. Will Barnes went to Van Buren last week to attend the funeral of their brother, Troy Barnes, who died at that place on Thursday, at the age of twenty-two.

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MARRIED

At New Hope, I.T. on Thursday, September 11th, Mr. Isaiah W. Bruce of this city to Miss Anna Dewees of New Hope, Rev. Mr. Gray officiating.

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The wire is being put up for the telephone line between this city and Booneville, Logan County.

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Mr. T.M. Grubbs, formerly with Pruitt & Hansell, will shortly open up a new drugstore at the Forks of the Road, and is now in St. Louis selecting a stock of goods.

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A hose company has been organized in the first ward, with J.F. Read as President; Hugh Dodson, Secretary; H.C. Armstrong, Treasurer; J.H. Livingston, Foreman; Andy Grier, Henry Euper and Thos. Davis, assistants. A company was organized in the third ward with W.B. Rutherford, W.C. Stalcup and T.M. Grubbs as officers.

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ARMOUR—On Monday, September 15th, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Dr. J.H.T. Main, of congestion of the bowels, in her 61st year, Miss Jane C., daughter of the late Joseph Armour of this county.

BENNETT—On Tuesday, September 16th, at his residence in this city, of congestion of the brain, in his 50th year. J.E. Bennett, M.D.

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LIST OF JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES ELECTED IN SEBASTIAN COUNTY

Bates township—Justices of the Peace, J.P. Langston and J.G. Carden; Constable, Jasper Been.

Big Creek—Justices of the Peace, T.D. Norris and D.R. Carroll; Constable, S.M. Damon.

Center—Justices of the Peace, R.H. Patton and R.S. King; Constable, T.W. Gaines.

Cole—Justices of the Peace, H.B. Johnson and T.P. Hackett; Constable, F.M. Gilbert.

Dayton—Justices of the Peace, G.B. Taylor and B.D. Barnes; Constable, W.T. Murphy.

Hartford—Justices of the Peace, W.L. Euper and T.H. Leatherwood; Constable, J.A. Pitchford.

Marion—Justices of the Peace, R.S. Leard and T.P. Long; Constable, J.A. Yaden.

Mississippi—Justices of the Peace, P.P. Windham and G.R. Bishop; Constable, John Mannau.

Prairie township—Justices of the Peace, W.H. Blackman and J.M. Marshall; Constable, J.D. Nelson.

Sugar Loaf—Justices of the Peace, S.T. McMasters and J.M. Nelson; Constable, B.F. Frazier.

Sulphur—Justices of the Peace, J.R. Norcott and V.R. Morris; Constable, A.W. Rutherford.

Washburn—Justices of the Peace, Charles Landon and James Penenger; Constable, J.C. Yancey.

Upper—Justices of the Peace, J.S. Miller, Matthew Grey, W.S. Blythe, Sam'l Edmondson, M.J. Casey, P.G. Satterfield; Constable, Jno. McDaniel.

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HEADQUARTERS BORDER RIFLES FT. SMITH, ARK., SEPT. 16, 1884

General Order No. 24:

The Border Rifles will assemble with guns and accoutrements at the German Park on Saturday eve. 20th inst., for drill and to transact important business. By command of

J.F. READ,

Capt. Com'dg. Border Rifles

Ed Haglin, 2nd Lieut. Ast. Adj.

The guns can be obtained from the present armory during the week, and as very important business is to be transacted, every member should be present. The Court of Inquiry will make its report that evening.

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SELLS BROS.' MONSTER 50-CAGE MENAGERIE AND FOUR-RING CIRCUS

The above named monster exhibition is coming and will surely appear in Fort Smith on Monday, September 29th. The coming of this world of wonders is food for reflection, and awakens in our minds a few thoughts which we here lay before the public. In the first place, the immensity of the show is something wonderful. Let the reader imagine for himself the entire population of this city moved in a body and placed upon a railroad train, together with animals of all kinds known to mankind, and a host of strange and wonderful beasts, birds, reptiles and freaks of nature, and he will have some idea of the immensity of the Big Sells Show, which is coming on its own great trains, and is drawn by its own powerful locomotives. The exhibition is given under a sky of canvas and includes with a great four-ring circus composed of 200 first-class stars, a menagerie which is by all odds the greatest in the world. Fifty cages of animals compose the menagerie—fifty cages, a wonderful collection, and this does not include the greatest wonder of all, a pair of huge, blood-sweating hippopotami. Nor does it include the twenty teams of elephants and camels to be seen in the street parade, which will be three miles in length and in which will be seen hundreds of wonderful animals.

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REDUCED RATES FOR THE FORT SMITH FAIR

Railroad fare on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway from all points between Red Fork and Tulsa, Indian Territory, and Springfield, Mo., to Fort Smith and return is 2½ cents per mile, or 5 cents per mile round trip. All freight intended for the Fair will be charged full rate to Fort Smith and returned free to point of shipment, upon presentation of card of Secretary of Fair Association, showing the same was used in connection with the Fair.

September 25, 1884

Rev. Mr. Hammett married a couple on the Reserve last Saturday. The man was Robt. C. Owensby, who is confined in the U.S. Jail on the charge of introducing whiskey into the B.I.T. The bride was Miss Castelia Butler from Van Buren. The groom was escorted by guards to a spot across the State line, where they were married, after which he was remanded to jail, while his wife returned to Van Buren.

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There is some probability of a cotton factory getting established here if our citizens will unite with the gentlemen from Tennessee who propose to establish it, and lend all the aid in their power to help the good work along. Manufactories are what Fort Smith is in urgent need of just now. We have all the retail business houses that are necessary and all that the country will warrant. What is needed now, and what we must have to promote our interests and to keep Fort Smith on a boon, is manufactories. If a cotton factory is established here, it will employ several hundred laborers and put a great amount of capital into circulation, and give a brisk and lasting impetus to the different business departments.

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DIED

Paul, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harding, died last Friday after a lingering illness, and was buried on Saturday.

Mrs. Slater, a white lady living in the eastern part of the city, dropped dead yesterday morning while in the act of lighting a fire in the stove.

Mr. Wm. A. Woods, an old man who came here recently from Florida, died suddenly yesterday morning at Foxs' boarding house where he had been stopping for some time past. A coroner's jury was summoned but had not yet returned a verdict up to the time of our going to press.

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At a meeting of the Fort Smith Fire Department Friday night at the City Hall, Mr. J.J. Little was unanimously elected Chief, with Mr. Ed. Haglin as Secretary. The election of Assistant Chief and Treasurer was postponed until the next meeting of the department. There will be three companies, one in each ward, and they will be merged into one, under the head of the Fort Smith Fire Department.

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October 2, 1884

ARKANSAW ITEMS

Epidemic of horse thieves in the state.

Over 250 students are now enrolled at the University of Fayetteville.

Pike County will send a thousand pound block of gypsum to the World's Exposition.

A sixty pound pumpkin has been sent to the St. Louis Exposition from Clark County.

A walnut tree seven feet in diameter has been cut in Howard County for the New Orleans Exposition.

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The Fort Smith Brass Band is having uniforms made at Mr. Kuper's tailor shop for use during the Fair. They are of fine navy blue cloth, with caps to match, donated by members of the Frontier Guard.

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The appointment of Dr. Leo. Bennett to fill the position as U.S. Jail surgeon, left vacant by his father's death, will give universal satisfaction. Dr. Bennett is rapidly making a name for himself in the medical world, and will no doubt have a successful career.

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Cotton is coming in rapidly and generally finds a ready sale at 9½ cents.

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DIED

Mrs. Fred Schleuter died Wednesday morning of last week very suddenly of heart disease, and was buried Thursday evening in the city cemetery, Rev. Germann officiating. Mrs. Schleuter was a sister-in-law of Mr. Aug. Reichert, and leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss.

An old lady, Mrs. Cruzwitz, died on Sunday last at her home in the lower part of the city, and was buried Monday, Rev. Mr. Germann officiating. She leaves a husband and three children.

Mr. Weems, who has been very ill with malarial fever for several weeks, is in a very critical condition and his parents have been sent for.

Later. As we prepare to go to press, we learn that Mr. Weems died at two o'clock this morning.

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OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Below we present to our readers a statement of the total attendance in our public schools of this city, kindly furnished us by Prof. Gates.

Belle Grove

Principal, Mr. T.W. Moseley
Grammar Department, Miss Anna Hite
Intermediate Department, Miss Jessie Cravens
Second Primary Department, Miss Lucy J. Sparks
First Primary Department, Miss Mary B. Farrow
Number of pupils enrolled, 299

Peabody

Principal and teacher of Grammar Department,
Miss Nora J. Cooney
Intermediate Department, Miss M.B. Evans
Second Primary Department, Miss Emma E. McClure
First Primary Department, Miss Alice B. Cox
Number of pupils enrolled, 210

Howard School (Colored)

Principal, Mr. Edward C. Trent
Assistant, Miss Emma K. Walker
Number of pupils enrolled, 125
Total number of pupils enrolled, 634

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LOCATION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

The Secretary of the Treasury has approved the recommendation that block 514, entire, be reserved as a site for the public buildings to be erected at this place.

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The Chautauqua Circle held the first meeting of the season on Tuesday night at the residence of Col. Wm. M. Cravens. This is a delightful literary club, and all who are desirous of further intellectual advancement should join and enjoy the weekly interchange of ideas.

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The ice factory is still at work turning out great quantities of the congealed coolness, which the continued warm weather makes indispensable to comfort.

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The Eberle building is fast approaching completion and is a handsome addition to the Avenue.

Two hundred bales of cotton were shipped from this city to Liverpool, Eng., last Friday.

Sheriff Williams has appointed Mr. Morton Rutherford as first deputy and Mr. John Neville as second deputy. The appointments are good ones and no doubt will give satisfaction.

A new drug store was opened at the Forks of the Road yesterday by Messrs. T.M. Grubbs & Co. They have a good location, and we wish them success.

October 9, 1884

The water mains are nearly all put down and the work is rapidly nearing completion. Water will be turned on about the 20th inst.

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The telephone line is completed between this city and Charleston, Ark., 25 miles. It is in splendid working order.

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Mr. Henry Pape and Miss Alice Southmayd of Van Buren were married in that city on the 1st inst.

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Mr. J.L. Hendrick received a telegram Monday from his wife announcing the death of her father, Mr. J.W. Hardie, at Montgomery, Ala., Sunday night.

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A Gretna Green marriage took place yesterday, the contracting parties being Mr. J.A. Hendricks and Miss Alice Howell of Pope County. Rev. Kreggie tied the knot.

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At a regular meeting of the City Council Monday night, "an ordinance providing for assessment of real property on Green (No. 4th) Street, between Garrison Avenue and Sycamore (North C) Street, to pay the cost

of sidewalk thereon" was passed. A committee was also appointed to solicit bids for the contract of grading Garrison Avenue. A petition was granted the manager of the Opera House, reducing the tax for one year from October 9th, '84 to \$50. Messrs. Metzger & Hartrout were awarded the contract for erecting two houses for hose carriages in the Second and Third wards, for the sum of \$425. The committee on hydrants reported that the work had been done and eleven additional hydrants had been located. An ordinance changing the grade of Garrison Avenue between Knox (No. 6th) and Lafayette (No. 7th) streets was read three times and passed. The bond of Mr. J.S. Meek, city weigher, was submitted, approved and filed.

October 16, 1884

FAIR NOTES

The products of the garden, vineyard and orchard, which are displayed, equal those of any state in the union. The apples are of great size and fine flavor. The potatoes, pumpkins, squashes, tomatoes, egg plants, and other things too numerous to mention are a credit to the state and our enterprising farmers.

Mr. Jackson of the Singer and Mr. Jim Weaver of the Democrat sewing machine agencies have very fine specimens of machines and machine work on exhibition. The Howe machine is also represented by Mr. D.B. Johnson.

Mr. Phillip Mehlburger, the machinist, has an iron front on exhibition, made by himself, which is a splendid specimen of Fort Smith iron work, and shows what can be done here in that line.

The scroll work, wood work and particularly a handsome black walnut staircase shown by Messrs. Miller & Dyke, shows what our planing mills can do.

The cost of the round trip to the Fair grounds is but thirty cents. A hack line is running from the street cars to the grounds to accommodate passengers.

Prof. J.W. Sanders has some remarkable fine specimens of penmanship on exhibition, which show his great skill to an advantage.

Our public spirited merchants will close their stores tomorrow and take in the Fair with their clerks.

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LADIES' MEDICAL ADVISER

(Advertisement)

A Complete Medical Work for Women, handsomely bound in cloth and illustrated. Tells how to prevent and cure all diseases of the sex, by a treatment at HOME. Worth its weight in gold to every lady suffering from any of these diseases. Over 10,000 sold already. POSTPAID ONLY 50 cents. Postal or 2-ct stamps. Address NUNDA PUBLISHING CO., Nunda, N.Y.

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Miss Nellie Chrisman and Mr. J.A. Mitchell were married last Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church in Little Rock by Rev. T.C. Tupper.

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Every train is crowded with visitors to the Fair, and all are finding things to be just what they were represented to be.

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Mr. Paul Euper's little son, Leo, died Sunday of last week of congestion of the brain at his home on Maz-zard Prairie.

October 23, 1884

THE FAIR

A SPLENDID SUCCESS MAGNIFICENT WEATHER - SAVE THE DUST

Great Attractions, Fine Display

The Fair closed last Saturday, after five days of successful exhibition. The attractions have excelled those of previous years, either here or elsewhere. It is gratifying to learn that it has been a financial success, as well as every other way. A balloon ascension took place every day, the balloonist performing upon the trapeze while hundreds of feet in the air.

The officers and directors deserve credit for their efficient management, which caused everything to pass off smoothly, and has made the annual Fair a permanent institution.

Notes

The attendance at the Fair on Thursday and Friday was about 4,000 each day.

Mr. John Mayers had a very nice display of job work on exhibition at the Fair, printed at his job office.

Linen dusters were an absolute necessity, as the trip to the Fair grounds had to be made through a cloud of dust.

Mrs. J.H. Hamilton was awarded the prize for exhibiting the best upholstered chair, her own work, at the Fair.

Mr. Eugene Henderson, one of our popular cotton buyers, was awarded the premium for being the handsomest bachelor on the Fair grounds.

Mrs. J.S. Parke, Mrs. R.M. Johnson, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Dr. Duval, and Misses Humber, Mayers, Josie and Agnes Hamilton and Daisy Perry were most efficient workers at the Fair, and helped materially to make it the success it was.

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Miss Sue P. Glass, a lady well and favorably known in this city, and Mr. M.R. Moore of Booneville, Logan County, were married at Booneville last Sunday night at the residence of Mr. Rector.

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Rev. Martin L. Wyneckin, formerly pastor of the Lutheran Church of this city, died at Anaheim, California, last Sunday of consumption. Mr. Wyneckin had been in California several years in the hope of regaining his health, but the disease was too far advanced to be overcome by even that favorable climate.

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The Democratic County Convention, which met at Greenwood last Saturday, sent the following delegates to the State Convention, which met at Little Rock on the 21st inst.: Messrs. E.T. Taliaferro, J.A. Yantis, J.F. Read, R.B. Monow, R.T. Powell and John McLaughlin. S.M. Rutherford and Dr. J.G. Eberle were elected alternates.

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Mr. Claude Everest of McPherson, Kansas, and Miss Marie Pettit of this city were married Tuesday morning at nine o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. W.A. Sample.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Weaver are the happy parents of a little girl.

October 30, 1884
STATE ITEMS

Arkansas has eleven counties in which no newspapers are published.

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A movement is on foot to build a railroad from Dardanelle to Greenwood and Fort Smith.

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The Western Union Telegraph Co., will take charge of the telegraph line between this place and Little Rock on the first of November.

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It is with deep regret that we learn of the death from typhoid fever of Mr. L.E. Slemmons, a former resident of this city, at Coldwater, Kansas, on the 25th inst. The remains arrived here yesterday and were taken to Monticello, Ark., this morning.

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Mrs. A.E. Latham won her case against B.F. Hershey for the possession of seven lots in this city. The case was tried at Van Buren and was decided Friday in Mrs. Latham's favor. Mr. B.H. Tabor of this city was her attorney, while Mr. Hershey was represented by Messrs. Huckelberry, Stanwood and Neal of Van Buren.

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Mrs. Marcus Boyd died very suddenly of inflammation of the lungs last Thursday night at her residence on Vine (North G) Street in this city. The funeral took place Friday morning and was largely attended.

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The steamer Jennie May arrived Tuesday from Webbers Falls with a cargo of 98 bales of cotton and 540 sacks of seed. She left again yesterday for above.

November 6, 1884

ELECTION DAY IN FORT SMITH

The votes polled Tuesday numbered 1,321, of which 702 were polled at the City Hall and 619 at the Court-house. The judges of the City Hall were Messrs. Stephen Wheeler, J. Meek and J.A. Yantis, and the clerks

were Judge Walker and Frank Trimble. At the Court-house the judges were Messrs. W.L. Reeves, F.W. Bose and E.A. McEachis, and the clerks were Messrs. J.E. Dunn and Samuel Peters.

The following is the vote cast:

City Hall Precinct: Cleveland 447, Blaine 243, Rogers 470, Sarber 214, Cockrill 451, Benjamin 242.

Courthouse Precinct: Cleveland 338, Blaine 260, Butler 5, Rogers 359, Sarber 240, Cockrill 338, Benjamin 259.

Everything passed off very quietly, with no excitement whatever at the polls.

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The steamer Van Etten, T.P. Brashear, Captain, while on her way to Fort Smith last Sunday, struck a snag at Meyers Landing, thirty-five miles below here, and sunk in six feet of water and is now aground there. The boat's cargo consisted of 1,000 sacks of cottonseed for the oil mill at this place. The full extent of the damage done to the boat and cargo has not yet been ascertained, but the boat was insured for \$2,250. Her owners are Messrs. J.D. Adams, C.F. Penzel and Niermeyer and Darragh of Little Rock, who had purchased her but a short time ago for \$3,500.

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CIRCUIT COURT—GRAND AND PETIT JURORS FOR NOVEMBER TERM

Sebastian County Circuit Court for the Fort Smith District convenes on the 24th inst. Following is a list of Grand and Petit jurors:

Grand Jury

J.B. Huston, Wm. Breen, Samuel Lawrence, J.S. Meek, J.M. Tenney, J.J. McCauley, August Harder, J.F. Ford, F.T. Johnson, J.W. Patrick, P.A. Bottom, G.T. Hightower, M.T. Dyke, J.W. Morton, G.R. Horton, J.H. Layton.

Alternates

W.N. Ayers, J.R. Stephens, J.J. Little, Frank Parke, R.G. Bulgin, R.D. Seales, J.H. Hamilton, S.C. Bollinger, R.M. Fry.

Petit Jury

J.H. Livingston, D.B. Sparks, Wm. Oasev, Jno. Gossett, J.H. Henderson, J.W. Lockett, G.W. Schulte, P.R. Davis, Dan Harrington, Blasin Bender, H.C. Birnie, Jno. T. Breen, Chas. Class, T.J. Smith, Jno. Harrington, A. Grier, Wallace Trammell, Henry Kuper, Jr., Frank Bollinger, A.G. Williams, G.T. Sparks, W.B. Masters, E.W. Yates, J.E. Whitman.

Alternates

Wm. Stromberg, Henry Limberg, J.S. Skidmore, Jno. Reutzel, Conrad Triesch, E.C. Lanigan, Simon Baer, John Speaker, W.C. Schulte, C.A. Wersing, J.L. Preuit, J.H. Reider.

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The new Baptist church is almost finished, and is a very neat building.

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Mens suits for \$3.50, worth \$8.00

Overcoats at your own prices.

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BOSTON STORE

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November 13, 1884

The Democrats of this city had a grand jollification Tuesday night over the result of the presidential contest. A large float containing thirty-eight little girls representing as many states, with the goddess of liberty in the center, was a prominent feature of the torchlight procession. The Charleston band was in attendance, which with the Fort Smith band furnished music for the occasion. A number of Democratic citizens from the adjoining county came in to help celebrate the supposed victory. The affair wound up by speeches from Hon. J.H. Rogers, M.C. Cols. Cravens, Taliaferro, Marcum and others.

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DIED

On Monday afternoon, November 10th, at six o'clock of pneumonia, Mr. C.A. Paguks, in his twenty-third year.

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November 20, 1884

DIED

Mrs. W. McClendon, mother of Mrs. S.J. Scott of this city, died on Monday at her home in Oakland, Mississippi.

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MARRIED

The commodious residence of Col. Thos. Marcum on Monroe Street was the scene of a very happy event last Thursday night—the wedding of Miss Lillie E. Marcum and Mr. J.G. McCombs. To most of the guests the marriage was a surprise, as they had been simply invited to a dance. The spacious parlors were soon filled and at nine o'clock, as the numerous guests sat gaily conversing, the sweet strains of the wedding march rose on the air. Simultaneously, the bride and groom appeared on the stairs, preceded by Messrs. J.P. Mayers and J.L. Phillips as ushers. The bridal party descended and was met at the foot of the stairway by Rev. W.A. Sample who united them in matrimony.

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Boyd and McCauley's well-known salesman, Mr. C.L. Davis, was married to Miss Leake at Hackett City Monday.

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Mr. George Harper and Miss Annie Tancred were married on last Tuesday morning at the Catholic Church by Rev. L. Smythe.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

MEMBERSHIP, AUGUST 10, 1984

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