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**One Hundred Years Ago:**

**Front-Page Stories from Arkadelphia's *Southern Standard***

Compiled by Lisa K. Speer

The following news items were extracted from front pages of Arkadelphia's *Southern Standard* weekly newspaper of 1919. The articles illustrate the variety of news published by the paper and offer glimpses into life in early 20th-century Clark County. The return to normalcy following the end of a world war; agricultural and economic development of the county; and moonshining were just a few of the themes that ran through the news that made the front pages of 1919.

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**January 2, 1919**

**Gas Famine Causes Inconvenience Here**

Arkadelphia, as well as all other towns that receive their fuel supply from the Arkansas Natural Gas Company, is shivering with cold, and her people are put to much inconvenience. The gas has been shut off a week, and although we have a meagre promise of service tomorrow, such promises have been made so many times and as often broken during the past several days that we can't place much confidence in it.

The trouble was caused by a blow out in Sulphur River, and the high waters have prevented every attempt to repair the break. The constant rains have increased the difficulties, and even the gas people are about ready to throw up their hands in despair [sic].

In the meantime, the people are keeping warm by fire places, quick heaters, and other primitive methods, and are cooking with any means that can produce results. Chafing dishes, fire places, canned heat and stoves of every description are utilized and no one is going hungry.

The cold wave that struck us yesterday only added to the horror, and wood which is hard to get, found a ready sale at \$3.50 a load.

However, there is a promise of gas tomorrow, and maybe it will come. We are trying our best to hope so.

The Standard, as well as the other papers in the city, are issued with much difficulty, and the readers will doubtless bear with their shortcomings.

Despite the conditions under which 1919 was ushered in, we are sure that the New Year is going to be a bright, prosperous and happy one for everybody. We wish so, any way.

**Prisoners Card of Thanks**

The prisoners in the county jail have expressed in writing their appreciation of the treatment and accommodations they receive at the hands of Sheriff Golden, and also to Mrs. Golden "who fixed one of the nicest Christmas dinners that was ever set on a table and which included turkey and dressing, pies, cakes, fruits, nuts and candies of all kinds."

They also express their appreciation to Mrs. S. M. Butts, Mrs. S. J. Myrick, Mrs. H. C. Partridge and others whom they do not know for Christmas presents.

They advise the young people to always stay out of trouble, as jail is no pleasant place to be.

## *January 9, 1919*

### **Gas Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**

After a lapse of eleven days gas service in this city was resumed Tuesday night about eleven o'clock, and our people awoke yesterday morning to find the continual promise of "gas tomorrow" at last fulfilled.

Those were bleak, dreary, annoying eleven days. The methods used by our people in heating their offices and homes, and in preparing the daily meals were irksome and unsatisfactory. They included every known substitute. We say substitute, because we believe our folks will endorse the statement that natural gas is the one and only real article for satisfactory fuel.

The gas company, we believe, did everything in their power to relieve the situation during those trying days, but conditions were such that whenever service was just about ready to be resumed, some new trouble would arise, and the best they could promise was "gas tomorrow." Men worked in waist deep water, their clothing frozen, eating cold food and enduring physical hardships to the limit. One man dropped dead at his work, and other men were forced to quit the job, which paid them \$21 a day.

The local manager, Murry Strong, was at all times courteous and accommodating in his manner, and gave our people the benefit of all available information. He is probably the happiest man in town over the re-establishment of the gas service.

## *January 16, 1919*

### **Soldier Boys Returning Home**

During the holidays and for the past week the following bunch of home boys having served their country in the war with Germany, have arrived, to the delight of kinsmen, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sweethearts, and all alike:

First Lieut. Walter Wilson, Second Lieut. Andrew Fambrough, Henry Edwards, R. C. Tucker, Anthony Nash, Frank Neal, Oscar Baber (furlough); Charles Abrams, Van Wilson, John Dickerson, Clarence Culp, Walter Merkel, "Red" Carter, Hershall Harrison, Jess Wilson, Fred Price (furlough); Tom Ward (furlough), Earl Keys, John Percell, Tom Culp and Ed Nelson of Beirne.

Among the number thus far enumerated only two went overseas, R. C. Tucker and Earl Keys. A number of the boys are yet to arrive, and a number of them are in France. — Gurdon Times.

## *January 23, 1919*

### **Bible as a Text Book**

The Rev. A. P. Few representative from Clark County, has introduced a bill in the legislature providing that the Bible shall be used as a text-book in all the public schools of the state, from the fifth to the eighth grades inclusive; that state superintendent shall prescribe that the entire Bible be embraced in the course of the four grades, "beginning with the first of the Bible and continuing through it as other text-books are taught;" every teacher shall be required to teach the Bible as

provided by such course, but the teaching of any creed or doctrine or denominationalism is prohibited. It was referred to the Committee on Education.

## ***January 30, 1919*** **More Booze Captured**

Sheriff Roy R. Golden on one of his trips last week, saw a suspicious looking barrel and box in the express office at Whelen Springs, and upon investigation found that the packages contained whiskey. The box was supposed to contain brick and the barrel was marked lime. They were partly packed with these commodities, but mixed in among the brick and the lime were numerous quarts of Yellowstone and Echo Springs brands of whiskey. The packages and contents were brought to Arkadelphia. The goods were consigned [sic] from Monroe, Louisiana, to Sam Johnson, Whelen Springs.

## ***February 6, 1919*** **Commemorates Anniversary**

At chapel exercises Tuesday morning the students of Henderson-Brown college held a service in commemoration of the disastrous fire which destroyed the building on February 3, 1914, and to celebrate the new building on February 3, 1915. The exercises were impressive and appropriate.

On account of the two events February 3<sup>rd</sup> is observed by Henderson-Brown college annually, and half holiday is given the students. The date this year falling on Monday, when no school is held, last Saturday afternoon was given over to the holiday features, and the entire student body enjoyed a picnic at Big Bluff, where a most sumptuous dinner was served at four o'clock.



**Arkadelphia Methodist College (Henderson), Front Lawn,  
circa 1900s, pre-fire  
*Courtesy of HSU Archives***



**Henderson-Brown fire, Main Building, February 3, 1914**  
*Courtesy of HSU Archives*

***February 13, 1919***

**Big Farmers Meeting at Gurdon**

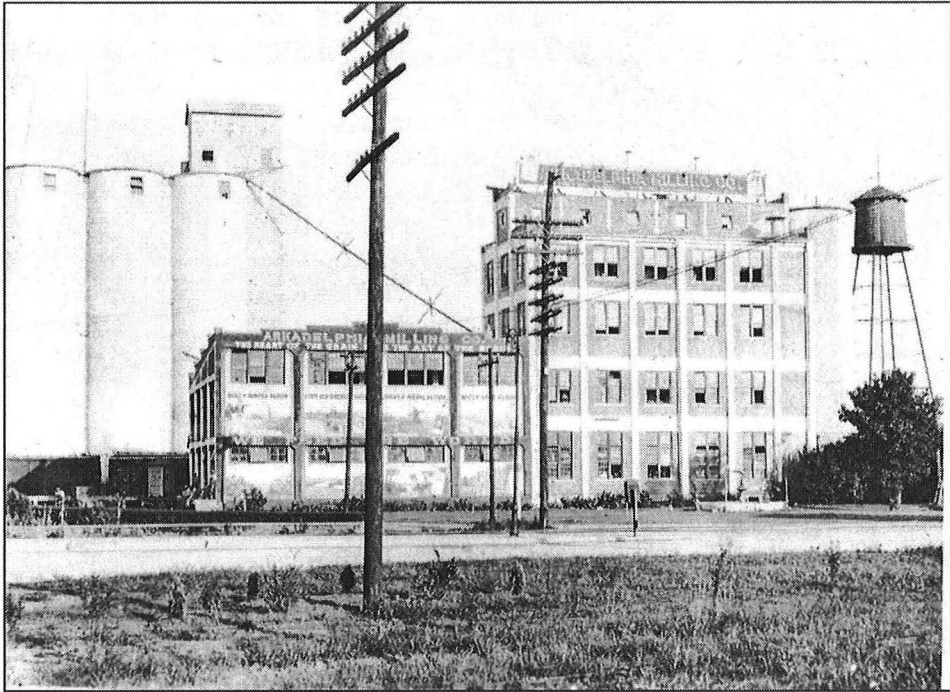
On Friday and Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, a farmers meeting will be held at Gurdon, which will be attended by the agricultural agent and a number of livestock experts.

A big Duroc Jersey hog show will be given in connection with this meeting, and a number of stock farms will offer for sale pure bred hogs. This is a meeting you should attend and if you are in the market for pure breeding hogs, an opportunity is offered you to secure them.

***February 20, 1919***

**Milling Co. Raises Large Service Flag**

The Arkadelphia Milling Company has recently raised a large service flag at the top of their elevator bins, which attracts much attention. It will probably be surprising to our readers to learn that the flag contains 248 stars, representing that number of employees of this company who entered the military service in defense of their country.



**Arkadelphia Milling Company, not dated**  
*Courtesy of OBU Archives*

***February 27, 1919***

**Stewart Butts Injured by a Jitney**

Stewart Butts, son of S. M. Butts, was struck by a jitney last Thursday night, and painfully injured. The accident occurred on Sixth St., near the depot. Young Butts was riding a horse up town, when in some manner a car, which was being driven by Forrest Rutledge to the depot, swerved, striking the horse and rider, throwing the young man to the ground, the impact rendering him unconscious for some time. Rutledge received cuts on the face and hands inflicted by glass from a broken wind shield. The horse was injured and the car was badly damaged.

Mr. Butts was taken to his home on Twelfth street and after regaining consciousness it was learned that his injuries were not as serious as at first feared, and the next morning suffered but small ill effects from his experience.

***March 6, 1919***

**Anxious to Give Credit**

The committee on award for Red Cross work, appointed by the Clark County Chapter, is very anxious to give due credit to every woman and man in Clark county who has reached the required standard. For women workers the conditions are these. Regular service must have been given during a period of not less than six consecutive months, or work equaling eight hundred hours. In no case shall an award be made to a worker whose period of enrollment in service has been less than six consecutive months, with a minimum of eight hundreds hours of service. Also as an aid in computing the service and time given the following tables have been prepared by the Bureau of Production:

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Knitting                |          |
| Sweaters -----          | 30 hours |
| Socks (pair) -----      | 24 hours |
| Helmets -----           | 12 hours |
| Wristlets -----         | 8 hours  |
| Mufflers -----          | 24 hours |
|                         |          |
| Hospital Garments       |          |
| Pajamas -----           | 16 hours |
| Helpless case sheets -- | 6 hours  |
| Convalescent robes ---  | 6 hours  |
|                         |          |
| Refugee Garments        |          |
| Boys suits -----        | 16 hours |
| Pinafores -----         | 6 hours  |

For men workers the conditions are similar, not less than six months consecutive service. This includes the service of organization, publicity, solicitations, collections and carrying out of the heavy financial burdens. These rulings were made by the national committee on award and this local chapter has no authority to change them. The committee desires your co-operation and consideration. If mistakes are made see the committee at once.

R. W. Huie, Jr., Chm  
D. W. McMillan  
Mrs. Dona Hale  
Mrs. W. A. West  
Mrs. J. H. Crawford

### **March 13, 1919** **Historical Home Torn Down**

A. W. Brown is having the Dr. Gantt residence property on the corner of Ninth and Crittenden streets torn down, and will erect in its place a new residence. The razed house is probably the oldest or one of the oldest homes in the city. It was originally built 70 or 75 yrs. ago, and the lumber in its construction are [sic] hewed from virgin timber, and even now some of them are [sic] in a good state of preservation. The house was remodeled about 30 years ago, in keeping with other homes of the city.

### **March 20, 1919** **Has Narrow Escape**

Mrs. Marvin Parsons of this city, had a narrow escape from drowning Sunday afternoon in Caney creek. She and her husband were returning home in a buggy from a visit to Mr. Parson's father in Hot Spring County, and upon reaching the creek, a small stream which the heavy rains Saturday night and Sunday morning had swollen to river proportions, they attempted to cross. However, the water was too swift and deep to make fording possible, and the horse and vehicle were swept from under them.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, after being carried down stream about 100 yards, finally reached the bank in safety, but not until Mrs. Parsons had sank twice, and it was only by heroic effort that the husband kept her from going under the third and fatal time.

The horse which was owned by Ike Dawson, was drowned.

## ***March 27, 1919***

No extant issue for March 27.

## ***April 3, 1919***

### **Time Changes**

The daylight saving law, passed last year by congress, as a war measure, and which the recent congress failed to repeal, went into effect Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, and is being observed generally by our people. Under the system, industrial agencies as well as all other endeavors start the day's activities one hour earlier in the morning and quit an hour earlier in the evening, [sun] time. Stores, trains, schools, churches, factories, postoffices, in fact, everything now is run on the new time, which in reality, is the only time there is.

The only change made here was with the banks, which open at 9 and close at 4. They formerly opened at 8 and closed at 4.

## ***April 10, 1919***

### **Fitting Up New Quarters**

The science department at Ouachita college will move at the close of the present session into new quarters to be prepared especially for science courses.

A two story building, formerly used as an S. A. T. C. barracks, has been moved up close to the administration building, and is to be brick veneered. It will be equipped on both lower and upper floors with all modern apparatus and appliances. It will be used for courses of study in chemistry, physics, biology, geology, general science, etc.

The portion of the administration building now being used for these studies will be occupied next year by professors in the college of liberal arts.

This is but the beginning of a building program entered upon by Ouachita college to meet the educational demands of the state.

## ***April 17, 1919***

### **Recommends Sanitary Health Officer**

City Board of Health Requests Council to Appoint Dr. H. A. Ross to that Position

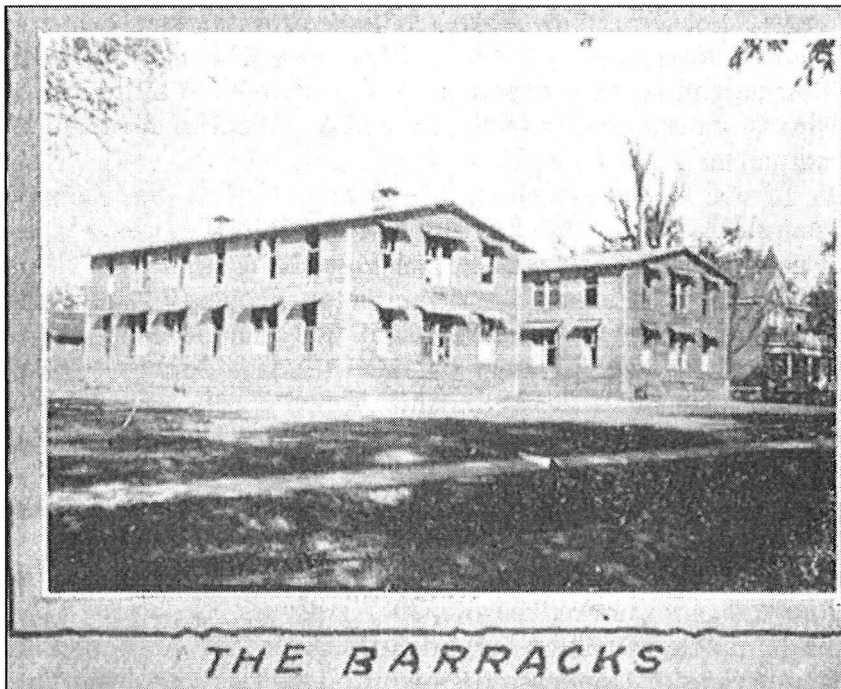
At a meeting of the Board of Health Monday morning, important matters having for their object the improvement of the sanitary condition of the city, were discussed and acted upon.

A motion was adopted declaring all toilets in the sewer district a nuisance and unsanitary, and asking that the council order them removed.

Dr. H. A. Ross was recommended for position of sanitary officer.

A full enforcement of the sanitary regulations of the city was ordered, and the citizens generally are asked to co-operate in the matter.





**SATC Barracks at Ouachita Baptist College, 1919**  
*Courtesy of OBU Archives*

*April 24, 1919*

**Arkadelphia to Get Bankhead Highway**

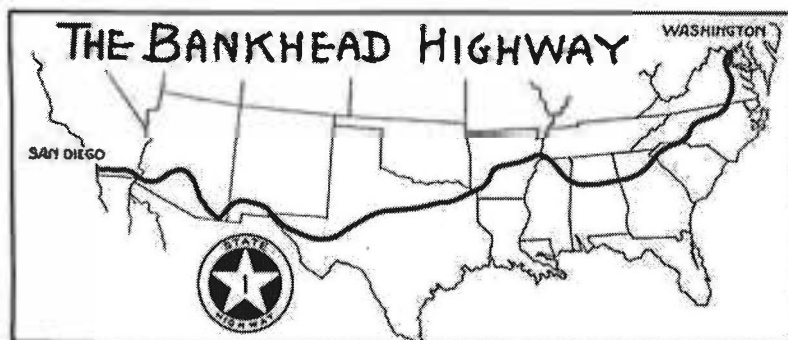
R. C. McDaniel, who represented Arkadelphia at the meeting of the Bankhead Highway Commission at Mineral Wells, Texas, last week returned home Sunday morning with the bacon. This section of the state got far more than they expected.

The pathfinders recommended the "All Texas" route, which includes the Hot Springs to Texarkana road, via Arkadelphia and Gurdon.

Mr. McDaniel was elected one of two trustees in whose hands will be the working out of the details of the route through Arkansas. Judge Tweatt of Duvals Bluff is the other Arkansas trustee.

Hot Springs was selected as the place for the next meeting of the committee.

Altogether it was a most successful meeting for this section, and every one here is elated over the outcome.



*Courtesy of Alabama Pioneers*  
<http://alabamapioneers.com/bankhead-bridge>

**May 1, 1919**

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Farrar Newberry will regret to learn that they are [to] leave Arkadelphia. They expect to move this week to Little Rock, where Mr. Newberry, who is state manager of the W. O. W. [Woodmen of the World], will make his headquarters.

**May 8, 1919**

## **H. B. C. Commencement**

The commencement exercises of Henderson-Brown College will be held this year under the direction of the class of 1909. The school closes on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and the program for Sunday and Monday, June 1 and 2, has been arranged and is as follows:

Commencement Sermon – Rev. L. C. Beasley of Uba City, California, class of 1909.

Address [sic] to Y. M. C. A., -- Hon. Skipwith W. Adams of Helena, class of 1909.

Commencement address -- Hugh S. Hart, President Little Rock Rotary Club, class 1909.

Alumni Banquet – Toastmaster, Edgar L. Dean, of Jonesboro, class of 1909.

The senior class at Henderson-Brown College this year has only five young men, several having been diverted by army enlistment. Candidates for degrees and certificates are as follows: Misses Anna Margaret Barlow, Ray Crabtree, Matsye Gantt, Ruth Elizabeth Jean, Flora Steele Key, Annie Lee Moore, Mary Workman, Nina Marie Grayson, Marjorie Henrietta Thomas, Algie Rena McFadden, Aileen Hodges, Grace Crabtree, Virginia Farrar, Mattyleah Crocker, Evangeline Coleman, Mary Hutchinson, Lillie Geyer, Bennie Marshall Cannon and Messrs Richard P. Hall, Robert Freeman Smith, Howell D. Wilson and James Workman.

**May 15, 1919**

## **A New Wholesale Lumber Yard Here**

*Wellborn & Walls of Marville [sic] to Take the Entire Output of the Baldwin Planing Mill*

Wellborn & Walls lumber men of Marville [sic], Ark., are putting in a wholesale lumber yard at this place near the Arkadelphia Milling Company's plant. M. M. Lavender will be the manager of the business here, and he and H. K. Wellborn have been in the city this week arranging the details.

The company has bought the output of the Curtis saw mill west of town, and the Baldwin planer, formerly the Arkadelphia Milling Company's plant, will finish the lumber. The entire output of this planning mill is to be taken over by the new company who own retail yards at Marville [sic] and Holly Grove.

**May 22, 1919**

## **Sheriff Captures Moonshine Still**

*Two Men Arrested in Terre Noir Township for the Illegal Operation of a Still*

Sheriff Roy R. Golden, in company with Marshal Cook of this city and Constable Hays and J. Allen Fair of Okolona captured a moonshine still in Terre Noir township Monday night, and arrested two men, named Clark and Gardner. The still was located about 22 miles west of Arkadelphia and two miles from Clear Springs.

The sheriff and his party arrived at the scene about sundown and after waiting several hours the men who operated the still appeared and began to pour

the whisky from a large can into smaller vessels when the arrests were made. The men were brought here and placed in jail to await the action of our courts.

**May 29, 1919**

## **High School Graduates**

The graduating exercises of the Arkadelphia High School will be held tomorrow night when the following students will receive their diplomas:

Mae Allen, Lafayette Baker, Flora Bledsoe, Lois Carter, Rosa Lee Deaton, Violet Drake, Louise Earle, Mary Gill, Hazel Haltom, Gwyneth Jones, Rosebud Jones, Emma Key, Olie McCarty, Ruth McKean, Jessie Ross, Leah Ross, Relda Ross, Ethel Sharp, Pearl Shaver, Virginia Shaver, Nora Wood, Mary Thomason, Mattie Holt, Gladys Estes, Bessie Burns, Geneva Burns, Julia Smart, Eva Dickinson, Norman Callaway, Leroy Thompson, Dwight Wilkins and Clayton Butts.

**June 5, 1919**

## **Negro Buried Under Avalanche of Gravel**

Tuesday morning Otis Harris, a colored laborer, was buried beneath an avalanche of dirt, while working in the gravel pit northeast of the depot. Harris was loading gravel into a wagon when the embankment above him caved in, covering him and one of the mules under about 17 tons of dirt. He remained completely covered up for five minutes, and was apparently dead when dug out. However, he is not considered seriously hurt, and it is thought will be all right in a few days. The wagon was practically demolished, and one of the mules was badly hurt.

This pit was the scene of a similar accident 25 years ago when a white laborer, Fonsie Allen, lost his life.

**June 12, 1919**

## **Dr. Reid Killed by Electric Wire**

*Supervisor of Tick Eradication in Clark County Meets Death Suddenly Tuesday Noon*

Dr. F. C. Reid, supervisor of tick eradication for Clark County, was killed Tuesday at noon by an electric wire, while attempting to put out a fire at the home of E. Nowlin on the corner of Pine and Eighth Streets. Dr. Reid and Allen Gannaway were the first to reach the scene of the fire, having noticed smoke coming from beneath the eaves of the house just at the top of the down spout of the water valleys. Mr. Gannaway reached the roof through the inside of the building, while Dr. Reid attempted to jerk the spout loose with his hands. He attempted to grab the spout, but the great force of the electric current with which the metal casing had accidentally become charged, threw him to the ground, where he expired in a few minutes.

The cause of the fire and also the death of Dr. Reid was the result of the secondary electric wire which entered the house coming in contact with the primary wire at the top of the light pole. This secondary wire where it passes over the edge of the house, touched the metal guttering, fully charging the entire draining system.

The news of the death of Dr. Reid was received through the city with much sorrow, for during his stay here he has made many warm, personal friends, and was generally liked by every one.

The remains were shipped yesterday afternoon to the home of his parents at Windsor, Missouri, and were accompanied by Alva Harris, who went as a representative of the Elks Lodge, of which Dr. Reid was a member.

The deceased has been in the veterinary service of the government in Arkansas for a number of years, and was considered one of the best in the state. Last year he was detailed as supervisor of the tick eradication work in Clark county, which position he held at the time of his death.

**June 19, 1919**

### **Another Still Captured By Sheriff**

Henry Shuffield, his daughter Hattie Mae Shuffield, and daughter-in-law, Sarah Pearl Shuffield, are in jail awaiting their examining trial Saturday on charge of making "moonshine" whiskey.

The trio were [sic] arrested Sunday morning near their home 16 miles west of Arkadelphia, by Sheriff Roy R. Golden, assisted by Constable Ben F. Dooley and Deputy Constable Sam Fitzhugh.

Sheriff Golden located the still about a week ago, since which time he has kept a constant watch for the operators.

Sunday morning the officers were hid behind a log, when the old man and his daughters appeared on the scene, and began preparations to set the still to work. They were immediately arrested.

The still was sunk in a pit and was well hidden. It was a forty gallon capacity, and is made of galvanized iron. There was 200 gallons of mash in the outfit, and about five gallons of whiskey found in the cans. The prisoners were brought to Arkadelphia Sunday afternoon and placed in jail.

This makes five stills, or parts of stills, which Sheriff Golden has in his possession, all but one of which were captured within the past two months.

**June 26, 1919**

### **Big Land Company Has Taken Form**

A large 5,000 acre reservation located just a few miles north of Arkadelphia, between the Hot Springs and Friendship roads, has been secured by the Hamp Williams Farm Land Developing Company, and will be divided up into small tracts and sold to home seekers. This land lies close to the Bankhead Highway, and is the cream of a 20,000 acre tract of cut-over lands.

The proposition means much to Clark County and to Arkadelphia. The tract will supply from 50 to 60 families, and the men behind the movement gives assurance that the object of the company will be accomplished. The development of any country means more business and greater prosperity for every one.

The back to the farm idea is growing, and the opportunity offered by the Hamp Williams Farm Land Development Company is one which should be considered by those contemplating securing a farm home for themselves on terms that are within the reach of every one.

On the last page of today's [sic] paper will be found a full description of the details of this big proposition.

From the Windsor [Mo.] Review, June 19, 1919

WINDSOR, HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1919

## Floyd Reid's Tragic Death

Instantly Killed by Electric Current of  
2300 Voltage at Arkadelphia, Ark.

Dr. F. C. Reid, veterinarian in charge of tick eradication work in this county, was instantly killed at noon today by electrocution at the Nowlin home on Pine street. Dr. Reid, who was staying at the Thomasson house, just across the street from the Nowlin home, was waiting for dinner to be served, when an alarm of fire sounded. He noticed smoke pouring out from under the eaves of the Nowlin house and rushed over. Being the first on the ground and noting that the fire seemed to be in one of the tin water spouts, grasped it with both hands, probably intending to jerk it loose before the blaze caught the woodwork. Instantly he was jerked off his feet and hurled to the ground several feet away, the pipe being charged heavily with electricity.

Dr. W. M. Moore was among the first to reach the stricken man, but death had come instantly and efforts to revive him failed. The remains were carried to Newberry's undertaking parlors.

The cause of the fire and subsequent tragedy is supposed to be the result of defective wiring which permitted the service wire to the house to carry the full voltage of the feed lines, which is about 2300 volts. Where the service wire entered the house, or rather where it passed over the edge of the roof, it came in contact with the tin guttering, thus turning every bit of the draining system into a death trap, and it is by the merest luck that Arkadelphia is not called upon to mourn a double tragedy, as Allen Gannaway reached the scene about the same time as Dr. Reid, but went through the house and out on to the roof.

All Arkadelphia was horrified as the news of Dr. Reid's untimely death spread, and many an eye filled with tears in sorrow at the sudden departure of an ideal young man, who had in a few years made hosts of close personal friends among old and young alike.—Arkadelphia (Ark.) News., June 10.

Dr. Reid's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

H. S. Reid of Windsor, were immediately notified. They directed that the body be brought back to Windsor. It arrived Thursday, June 12, accompanied by Mr. Alva Harris, a fellow-member of the Elks Lodge. Many beautiful wreaths and other floral pieces were sent from Dr. Reid's Arkadelphian friends, also from friends at Lamonte, and those of his boyhood community. Friends and loved ones from far and wide paid their tribute of love at the funeral services at Harmony Baptist Church, June 13, conducted by Rev. G. S. Birchhead, pastor of Windsor Christian Church. Burial followed in the peaceful cemetery beside the church. The flowers were strewn over the mound, and the people departed with sad hearts and overflowing sympathy for his loved ones in their sorrow.

Dr. Floyd Chastain Reid, eldest son of Harry S. and Effie Chastain Reid, was born in Benton County, Mo., Aug. 28, 1892, passed out of this life at Arkadelphia, Ark., June 10, 1919, aged 26 years, 9 months, 12 days. Besides his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Marshall Jesse, Joseph Harold and William Harbert. All three reside with their parents, ten miles south of Windsor, in Benton county.

At the age of eleven, he confessed faith in his Lord and united with the Cloverdale Christian church, this county. He graduated from the Kansas City veterinary college in 1912 and began the practice of his profession at Williamstown, Mo., the previous year. He, later located in Georgia but afterward returned to Lamonte, Mo., where he practiced until entering the government veterinary service, going from Lamonte to St. Louis for two years, thence to Arkansas, where he practiced in different sections of the state until August 1918, when he enlisted in the army and was called into training at Camp Pike. After his discharge, he again accepted government work in Arkansas, with headquarters at Arkadelphia, where he was residing at the time of his death. He was a member of the Elks organization, Chapter No. 1149, at Arkadelphia. It was while laboring to give assistance to those in trouble that he received the electric shock that resulted in his death.

**July 3, 1919**

## **Meeting of Two Pioneer Clark County Women**

The meeting of two pioneer citizens of Clark County was an enjoyable occasion in the home of Mrs. J. W. Butler a few days ago.

The pioneers were Mrs. Ann Arnold, born 1834 and came to Clark county in 1842, and Mrs. Elizabeth Horton, born in 1834, and came to Clark county in 1843. Mrs. Arnold is the daughter of Peter Ross and Mrs. Horton is the daughter of James D. Scott.

These women are real pioneers, and have a right to smile when you call people pioneers who came here only fifty years ago. It was an enjoyable treat to hear them tell their experiences on the trip from their native states in carryalls and wagons. They told of school days in this, then, wilderness where wild animals were more plentiful than tame ones now. They told of the rude school house where they sat on puncheon benches before a wide fireplace piled high with big oak logs which gave heat for the whole room.

It is to these hardy, honest pioneers that Clark county owes her noble citizenship. The children of the following pioneers are still building the noble foundation which their fathers laid and which has made Clark county the grandest and most progressive county in the state: Barkmans, Rosses, Bozemans, Triggs, Scotts, Hignites, Penningtons, Moreheads, Bullocks, Rudisills, Bambos, Hunters, Malones, Hudsons, McClures, McDaniels, Carters, Callaways, Dickinsons, Hemphills, Brownings, Phillips, Harts, Greens, Cashes, Skillerns, Arnolds, Wards, Davis, Singletons, Maddox, Wilsons, Flanagins, Johnstons, Stuarts, Crowleys, Meeks, Sloans, Littles, Freemans, Mannings, Heardes, Wyatts, Browns, Stroops, Strouds, Crows, Wells, O'Baughes, Mackeys, Mooneys, Blakeleys, Laffertys, Shackelfords, Swinks, Spences, Hearn, Rogers, Easleys, Dyers, Lockwoods, Perrys, Colemans, Andersons, Ellis, Marburys, Staffords, Chidesters, Huddlestons, Montgomerys, Deans, Gaithers, and others.

Every name of the pioneers who were in this county in 1819 should appear in the Standard, and we ask that their descendants send the names to be printed before the Centennial, so that proper ceremony may be held in memory of them. Mrs. Laura Winfield Scott Butler.

**July 10, 1919**

## **Interest in Farmer's Automobile Trip Growing**

That the interest in the Clark County Farmer's Automobile Tour is growing is evidenced by the statement from County Agricultural Agent Lueker, that farmers from all parts of Clark county are sending in their names stating they will have cars in the tour July 24 and 25. One farmer has even written from Union county and asked that he be permitted to take part in the trip. He had noticed an account of the trip in the Arkansas Gazette.

Governor Brough has now promised definitely that he will be with us on the second day. Mr. J. A. Hughes, Mr. H. P. Kapp and Miss Carrie Plunkett, all of whom were with us last year, will again be with us. Mr. C. W. Lasseter, director of our State Agricultural Extension Work and Mr. Bowen, Editor of the Arkansas Hemestead [sic] will probably be with us.

It is very important that all who have cars on the tour notify Mr. Jesse Medlock if they have not already done so.



Each newspaper in the county is urged by the committee to have a representative on the trip. Also the banks and business houses are urged to have representatives.

## ***July 17, 1919*** **Joe Beaty Pardoned**

Joe A. Beaty, who was convicted of manslaughter in the Hempstead circuit court last April and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, has been pardoned by Governor Brough. Mr. Beaty was charged with killing Williams a few miles west of Arkadelphia in 1917, and the petitioners for the pardon stated that the undisputed evidence is that Williams, the man who was killed, rushed upon Beaty with a drawn ax, and being only 15 feet from him, it would have been suicide for Beaty, who is 60 years old and quite corpulent, to have attempted to get away.

## ***July 24, 1919*** **Caddo Bridge Nearing Completion**

The steel work on the approach to the Caddo River bridge has been finished and the flooring will be put down within the next few days. The entire work would have been completed but the commissioners refused to accept some of the lumber delivered which delayed matters.



## ***July 31, 1919*** **Moline Lumber Company Purchase Large Holdings**

The Moline Lumber Co., of Malvern, has purchased the holdings of the Clark County Lumber Co., at Smithton, consisting of a sawmill, timber, acreage and railroad and it is said that they are on a deal for the Chancellor lands lying east of Gurdon. By the purchase of the Chancellor and Clark County Lumber Co.'s holdings, the Moline people will have acquired a large portion of the timber left in Clark County.

The mill at Smithton will resum [sic] running as soon as the machinery can be given a thorough overhauling.

**August 7, 1919**  
**Sadder But Wiser**

Two girls, Jewell Whitton and Eunice Langford, age 14 and 17 respectively, of Crossett, became stranded in Arkadelphia last week, and were taken in charge by Sheriff Roy R. Golden, who after getting them something to eat, turned them over to a good woman to look after, while awaiting word from their parents at Crossett. Money was wired here by the parents, and the girls were sent home Saturday. They said they left home because they wanted to see the world, but were satisfied now to go back, and stay there.

**August 14, 1919**  
**Big Campmeeting**

The campmeeting now in progress at Davidson's Camp Ground is attracting large crowds and the number tenting on the grounds is the largest in its history. The crowd present last Saturday was an immense one, and the services were interesting and inspiring.

Rev. P. Q. Rorie has charge of the preaching, and G. W. Perdue of Little Rock, conducts the singing.

A special service will be held for the soldiers next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and every soldier in the county, irrespective of the time or place they saw service, is invited to be there. The invitation includes the survivors of the Civil and Spanish American wars as well as the returned soldiers from the world war.

Some noticeable improvements have been made on the grounds, and more are in contemplation.

The meeting closes next Sunday night.

**August 21, 1919**  
**Captures Three "Wildcat" Stills**

*Revenue Officers Aided by Sheriff Roy R. Golden Make Several Arrests the Past Week*

On Friday night Sheriff Roy R. Golden in company with revenue officers and J. Allen Fair, Jess and Tom Hays and Dr. Hughes of Okolona, captured a wild cat still in the upper part of Nevada county, and arrested two young men, Graham and McNeely. They destroyed the still and about 100 gallons of mash. No whiskey was found.

On Sunday night Sheriff Golden and the other officers assisted by Luke Steele, Sheriff of Nevada County, got another still on the Dr. Hughes farm, a few miles from Okolona, also in Nevada County. Three men were arrested, two Hooker's [sic], father and son, and Arthur Bratcher. This still was also destroyed with about 100 gallons of mash, but no whiskey was found.

Again on Monday another still was destroyed and five men arrested. The three stills captured were located close together in the Little Missouri river bottom on the Nevada county side.

Ordinarily, Sheriff Golden doesn't go into other counties after wild cat stills, but in these instances the operations affected his county, being just over the line, and the finished product was being disposed of in Clark county, and he felt that it was his duty to break it up.



**August 28, 1919**  
**Quite a Difference**

Judge C. W. Smith, who is holding circuit court here this week, is no stranger to the Clark county bench. In August and September of 1913, he held a four week court for Judge Carter, at which he says a "whole car load" of men were sentenced to the penitentiary, and one man, Arthur Hodges, was sent to the electric chair. The Judge notes quite a difference in crime here then and now, and compliments the good behavior of the people of Clark county, and attributes this condition largely to the influence of our churches and schools.

**September 4, 1919**  
**Will Complete Building**

The contract to complete the building of the Colored Baptist Academy was let Friday to J. D. Brock, and he has begun the construction. The work of erecting the building on the site of the one destroyed by fire in 1917<sup>1</sup>, was begun last year, but when about half completed the funds gave out. Arrangements were recently made to finance the completion of the college and when finished will be a monument to the persistent efforts of the men behind the enterprise.

**September 11, 1919**  
**Electric Lights for Okolona**

Linemen are busy putting up the wires for the electric light system at Okolona, and the dynamo and other machinery for the plant are expected soon. The enterprise is being put in by Texarkana people, and the rate has been fixed at eight a month for arc lights, and 50c a month for incandescents.

**September 18, 1919**  
**Road Work Progressing**

The crews at work on the public highway near Brown Springs are making fine progress, and much of the road is now ready for the gravel surfacing. We understand that good work is also being doing on other sections, especially near Okolona and Gurdon.

**September 25, 1919**  
**Hinton Mannahan Is Seriously Hurt**

Hinton Mannahan, aged 22, a Missouri Pacific brakeman, of this city, was seriously injured about 8:30 o'clock, Sunday night when he fell from the pilot of an engine, and plunged down a steep embankment into a ditch near Witherspoon, ten miles northeast of Arkadelphia. Mannahan was riding the front end as a flagman.

He was unconscious when found by the train crew and was brought to Arkadelphia. From here he was taken to Little Rock on Sunshine Special Sunday night, accompanied by Volmer Tobey, and Tuesday had not regained consciensness [sic].

Mannahan, head brakeman on northbound Missouri Pacific freight train No. 61, had been sent ahead to flag a passenger train while the freight was taking a siding near Witherspoon. The accident occurred as he was riding back on the passenger train. He was believed to have lost footing.

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<sup>1</sup> See article on the following page for more information.

## FIRE DESTROYS BAPTIST ACADEMY

Institution was One of the Leading Negro Colleges in the State

The Arkadelphia Baptist Academy was destroyed by fire last Friday night. The academy was one of the leading negro schools of the state. The fire originated in one of the rooms where the girls slept while the students were away attending a debate. It is thought that an overturned lamp started the fire.

The building was a large two-story frame. The fire department was unable to render any aid because the nearest water plug was a quarter mile distant, and the flames had gained too much headway for the use of the chemicals. Only a few articles of clothing were saved, and the fourteen girls who boarded in the building lost nearly everything. The loss was fixed at \$4,000 or more, with \$2,500 insurance.

The academy was established here 25 years ago and has gradually grown. S. P. Nelson is the president. There were 150 pupils attending this term. The board of trustees met Monday and money was raised for building temporary quarters. A new building will be erected and ready by the opening of the next term. The fire will not interfere with the graduating exercises this term.

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He was badly bruised about the head and body and is believed to have sustained serious internal injuries.

Mannahan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mannahan of this city.

## **October 2, 1919**

### **Reddies In Fine Shape**

The H. B. C. foot ball team is getting down to good work, and have a strong team, there being a large number of old men back in line. They play their first game, a practice affair, with the Pine Bluff High School Saturday.

The following games have been tentatively arranged:

State Normal, October 17.

Mississippi College here about October 14.

Louisiana Industrial Institute here on October 11.

Hendrix at Conway on November 7.

Jonesboro Aggies on November 14, place undecided.

Ouachita here on Thanksgiving.

## **October 9, 1919**

### **Accidentally Killed**

James North, a 16-year old boy of Gurdon, was accidentally shot last Friday by another boy, death resulting instantly. The other boy, who was but seven years old, was in the act of handing a .22 calibre rifle to young North, when the gun was in some manner discharged. The bullet struck North in the hip, ranging upward.

## **October 16, 1919**

### **Negroes Denounce Race Troubles<sup>2</sup>**

At a mass meeting held last week at the St. Paul A. M. E. church, rallied by leading colored citizens of Arkadelphia for the purpose of condemning any movement calculated to cause trouble between the whites and black [sic], a number of talks was [sic] made, and the following resolutions adopted:

Whereas, there seems to be a general unrest among our people in the south since the war, since we played an important part in bringing victory to the American arms, and whereas, the south is the real home of the negro, and whereas, this unrest is being used to the detriment of the negro and since in some parts of the south there are those who fail or refuse to make proper settlements to the laborer, as the good Master said, "the laborer is worth his hire." Since there is no desire or ambition of the negro to dominate, supplant or overthrow the power that be, for there is no power but that ordained by God. We, the negroes of Arkadelphia, deplore these conditions and hereby pledge ourselves that there is no race hatred or friction such as has occurred in other places.

Our wives, our children, our homes, our lives and honor, all of which we pledge for the sacred honor of our country, irrespective of race or color.

Have no fear of the negroes of Arkadelphia or Clark county.

"Help us educate!"

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<sup>2</sup> The "race troubles" referenced here refer to the Elaine Massacre in Phillips County, Arkansas, in 1919, by far the deadliest racial confrontation in Arkansas history.

**October 23, 1919**

## **Kicked By a Horse**

J. E. North, a farmer living a few miles northwest of town, was kicked by a horse Saturday, and received injuries on the head that were quite painful and serious. He had just finished feeding his team at the Tennyson Drayage Company's barn and was leaving the stall, when one of the horses began kicking viciously, striking Mr. North on the head and inflicting a gash several inches long. He was knocked unconscious but was picked up and carried to the Townsend Sanitorium where the wound was dressed.

**October 30, 1919**

## **Arkadelphia To Have Page Write Up**

A meeting of business men was held Monday night at the Elks Club Room, at which steps were taken to have Arkadelphia represented with a page write up in the Centennial Edition of the Arkansas Gazette, to be issued November 20<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday sufficient funds were subscribed to pay for the write-up, and the committee having in charge the preparation of the subject matter are assembling the facts, figures and illustrations to be used. The industrial, educational, social, religious and other advantages offered by our city will be presented in a forcible way, and this publicity will bring good results.

Other enterprises of our city, including the Arkadelphia Milling Company and Ouachita College, will have separate spaces devoted to advertising these institutions.

**November 6, 1919**

## **Club Girls Win 14 Texarkana Prizes**

Miss Helen Hobbs, home economics agent for Clark county, returned Saturday night from Texarkana, where she attended the Southwest Arkansas District Fair and placed on exhibit specimens, of the work done by Clark county club members, bringing with her 14 premiums and 8 blue ribbons, besides two county team prizes, one for sewing and the other for home conveniences.

Individual prizes were won as follows:

Miss Alma Wright, first prize on cap and apron.

Miss Mary Ewing of Curtis, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize on club dress and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize on history of year's work.

Miss Leah Watson of Unity, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize on cup towels.

Miss Myrtle Watson of Curtis, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize on laundry bag.

Miss Altha Terrell of DeGray, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize on canning in tin.

The other prizes awarded Clark county were on team exhibits.

**November 13, 2019**

## **To Honor Our Postmaster**

Postmaster Sam Carpenter, of this city, is in line for a "Distinguished Service Pin" that may be conferred on him by a Division of the United States Treasury Department.

This insignia of honor is a beautifully lettered gold pin, with a blue enameled border, bearing the words "Distinguished Service, Treasury Department, Savings Division." The pin has the same intrinsic value as the Distinguished Service Award by Congress.

The honor of wearing one of these pins is confined to the postmaster who causes to be sold between November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> the quota of Treasury Savings Certificates allotted to his office.

In cities with a postoffice of the first class the quota is \$5000 of either the \$100 or \$1000 Certificates. Second class offices should sell \$4000, third class \$3000 and fourth class offices \$2000.

The postmaster may also cause the honor to be shared by any attache of his office, who performs the service required. Thus the assistant, and carrier or clerk in an office of any class, who with this chief's consent, makes sales equaling the fixed quota for the office, may on the postmaster's request, receive one of the coveted trophies.

## ***November 20, 1919***

### **Hurt's Island Subject to Homestead**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1919, there will be opened for settlement a tract of land in the Little Missouri river, known as Hurt's Island. The tract contains 36.32 acres, and is in section 2, township 11 south, range 18 west. This land was not surveyed when the section was originally laid off, being at that time a part of the river. It was surveyed recently and the plat of said survey was approved April 7, 1919. The land next month will be subject to disposition through the land office at Camden under any public land law that is applicable thereto.

## ***November 27, 1919***

### **A Generous Gift**

H. L. Kokernot of San Antonio, Texas, a ranchman of some note and prominent Baptist layman for many years, has subscribed \$50,000 to the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, it is announced. Mr. Kokernot's ranches in Southwest Texas have been particularly hard hit by drouths [sic] for three or four years in succession, and in view of this fact his gift is regarded as one of the most liberal and sacrificial among the large contributions that have been made. [Page one article details how Ouachita College will receive \$550,000 from the Baptist 75 Million Campaign].

**December 4, 1919**

**New Faculty Member**

Miss Eva McLemore is a new member of the faculty of the Ouachita College of this city. Miss McLemore becomes assistant in the expression department, of which Miss Lowrey is the head. The expression department has grown to such an extent that it is necessary to add to the teaching force of the department. The new member of the faculty is a graduate of Blue Mountain College of Blue Mountain [sic], Miss., being a personal friend of Miss Lowrey, who is also a graduate of that college. In addition to her work in the expression department, Miss McLemore will have charge of the physical culture classes of the college.



MISS EVA McLEMORE  
*Associate Expression*

**December 11, 1919**

**New Sanitarium**

The medical firm of Dr. Chas. Wallis and Dr. Sheppard Moore are having the building formerly used as an office by the late Dr. J. C. Wallis, on Crittenden Street, remodeled, and will fit it up as a sanitarium. Another story is to be added and when completed will accommodate eight patients. The equipment is to be modern and will include an x-ray machine, sterilizing apparatus, laboratory equipment etc.

Both physicians were reared in Arkadelphia, and have received the benefits of splendid schooling. The sanitarium is expected to open about January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**December 18, 1919**

**Considers Himself Lucky**

M. P. Westbrook, a stock raiser living near here, one day last week filled his pipe with loose tobacco from his pocket, and in some way a .22 calibre cartridge got mixed with the crumbs and soon after he lighted it there was a sudden explosion which sent the pipe skyward, leaving only the stem in Mr. Westbrook's mouth. However he didn't mourn the loss of his meerschaum, as he considers himself lucky that he saved his face.

**December 25, 1919**

**Usual Christmas Customs to Feature Today's Events**

*Not the Least of Which Will Be Special Provisions to Remember the Families  
of the Poor and the Destitute*

Christmas will be ushered in this morning with its old time spirit and customs. There will be the usual early rush of children to their suspended stockings to find out how thoughtful Santa Claus has been, and we predict that he has been very liberal in his distributions, for there has been a vast amount of just

the things that the kiddies like in his great storehouse, and conditions favor his old time generosity.

Later in the morning the older children (for we are all children again on Christmas morning) will have their Christmas tree in the reception hall, from which will hang the many tokens and remembrances [sic] from friends and relatives.

Messengers will arrive during the morning hours bringing neatly wrapped packages which will be opened anxiously, and the postman will add to the collection many remembrances from distant loved ones.

The season's greetings will be exchanged as friends meet friends and the noon hour will find many home gatherings seated around the dining table where family dinners will be eaten merrily as the conversation turns to pleasing things.

And all throughout the day there will be one reminder after another that it is indeed a day of peace on earth and good will to men.

And not alone among the prosperous will these things exist, but proper agencies have seen to it that the less fortunate are not to be forgotten. They will be looked after too, and we don't believe that there will be any happier persons in Arkadelphia than the poor children whose well filled stockings sustain their faith in Santa Claus, unless it is those who made them so.

May the day be one of wholesome enjoyment, and may each and everybody have reason to remember the happy Christmas of nineteen hundred and nineteen.

