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May 5, 1890 A destructive cyclone visited Fall Creek, in the eastern portion of Hood County yesterday afternoon at 5 P.M. Wide spread property damage, death and injury were suffered by the families living in that area. Fort Worth Gazette

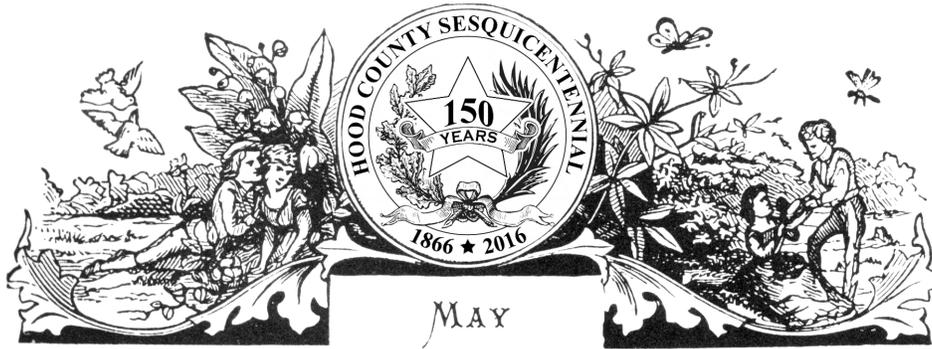
May 5, 1892 The Stutz Company presented a new and effective play, "Queen's Evidence," at Opera Hall on Tuesday night. This is no doubt the best theatrical company that ever visited Granbury and is deserving of liberal patronage. The engagement closes tonight with a new and popular play entitled "Crystal Cross," or "The Pythian Bros." by Albert Munson, a Texan. The Granbury News

May 5, 1911 Special to the News. Granbury has inaugurated quite a concrete side-walk building of late, several hundred feet in the residence district being laid last week. The city proposes to build crossings where the citizens build walks on both sides. Dallas Morning News

May 5, 1923 Special to the News. Granbury, Hood Co., Tex. The City Council has decided to build a new water and power plant on the site where the baseball park is located, the site having been purchased for the purpose. The city has donated a plot situated north of the school building to the baseball club and the present park will be moved to the new location. It is understood work will begin on both the new plant and ball park in a few days. Dallas Morning News

May 8, 1889 Granbury, Tex. Mr. J. A. Taft, member of the geological survey, while exploring Comanche peak, 5 miles southwest of here, found parts of the jawbone and tusk of a mastodon which he has brought to Granbury and which is creating considerable curiosity. The tusk has been broken and the pieces put together and measure thirty-three inches. A great part of the tusk could not be found and when intact it would measure about four or four and a half feet. He has the large end of a tooth which measures about eighteen inches in circumference. The jaw teeth on those of the lower jaw are tri-crowned and measure about three or three and a half inches at the crown. They were found in a small stream which drains part of Comanche peak. The disintegration of the teeth shows that perhaps many ages have elapsed since the animal's death. It is suggested that the teeth be put on exhibition at the coming Texas state fair and Dallas exposition. Fort Worth Star Telegram

May 9, 1874 The Hood County seminary, to which we referred a few days since, founded by our old friend, J.A. Clark, bears the singular name of Add Ran. It is located at the popular watering place known as Thorp's Springs, where many resort in the summer to enjoy its fine



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sulphur bathing. Mr. Clark has enlisted his whole energies in the enterprise, and is resolved to make it a success. A chosen corps of teachers will fill its chairs, and it will have much support from visitors, aside from the surrounding population. Dallas Weekly Herald

May 15, 1896 A militia company composed of many of the best young men of Granbury was organized here last night. It was named by the company "The Riddle Rifles, in honor of Geo. W. Riddle. Its captain is Lon Morris, son of Capt. B.W. Morris, state representative from this county. Dallas Morning News

May 15, 1908 The Commissioners' Court approved electric lights for exterior of Court House. One light to be placed at each corner of the Court House provided the city place one at each corner of the public square. Hood County Commissioners' Court Minutes

May 19, 1949 An attempted jail break by Billy Ray Hemphill and Mark Ford was thwarted last Wednesday evening about ten o'clock when Mrs. Bobby Scott and Mrs. O.L. Campbell, jail matron, heard the prisoners sawing on the bars and called Deputy Sheriff C.E. Baker. Hood County News-Tablet

May 23, 1909 A new summer park at Thorp Springs is one of the prettiest spots in this part of the State. For many years there has been a school there and hundreds of heads of families in Texas will remember happy days along the wooded banks of the creek that winds through the valley below the Add-Ran-Jarvis College campus. A dam has been built across the stream and the water backed up a mile or more. Row boats and motor boats have been purchased that visitors may use for a nominal fee. The stream is stocked with fish - trout, bass, perch and other varieties. A hatchery has been started on the grounds. The Add-Ran Boating and Fishing Club, which is behind the project, is going to spend \$25,000 in fitting up the park. A private auto road has been constructed from Granbury to the park and a mile from the park a platform has been built by the Frisco railroad. Fort Worth Star Telegram

May 23, 1935 Fort Worth, Tex. The second admission of complicity in the May 12 robbery and slaying of Thomas Holmes, 19, at his Hill City (Hood County) store was made Wednesday by Bird Tracy, 27, towering Hood County farmer. Tracy's statement checked closely with that of his brother-in-law, Max Cash, 21, who Tuesday told of his participation in the killing of Holmes. Tracy, who is six feet seven and one-half inches tall, declared that his height was the indirect cause of the young storekeeper's death. While the holdup was in progress, Tracy related, he backed up and struck his head against a post. Holmes grabbed for his pistol



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and a shot was fired. Cash and Tracy were charged Monday in Justice of the Peace Charles B. Morgan's court at Granbury with murder before their arrest early Tuesday. Dallas Morning News

May 26, 1908 On the Brazos River the new wagon bridge three miles north of town known as the Fairview bridge, which was built two years ago at an expense of about \$15,000, washed away. Fort Worth Star Telegram

May 23, 1908 Waco, Tex. Valuable lumber was rescued today from the Brazos River by men provided with boats, ropes and hooks, and in one case, a Negro man working alone, took out of the receding flood ten cords of post oak wood. The wreck of a boat, found tangled in a mass of brush, had been patched with a pine board on which Granbury, Hood County, was painted, indicating that the old boat started from Granbury. Dallas Morning News

May 27, 1875 They are having a county seat removal contest in Hood County. Thorp's Spring is emulous of Granbury, and the citizens of the latter place have got their backs up and are going to fight it out "if it takes all summer." The Weekly Democratic Statesman, Austin, Texas