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July 1, 1909 Monday afternoon's rain at Thorp Spring, in Hood County, Texas, caused a creek to rise to such an extent that the park lake water was reduced by the undermining of a dam. This damage, it is said, will be repaired immediately so that the lake will be restored to its normal condition in about ten days. Galveston Daily News

July 4, 1912 The provisional program of the Granbury Reunion, July 23rd, 24th and 25th promised these amusements: Moving pictures and Vaudeville shows, Ferris Wheel, Merry-go-round, Striking Machine and many other concessions under contract, in addition to music by an extra fine brass band. The Granbury News

July 11, 1879 Passengers on the east bound train report Fort worth and Fort Yuma stage line were stopped one mile east of Granbury, Wednesday morning, by two robbers, mail pouches cut open and some registered packages taken. The robbers becoming demoralized by the appearance of horsemen in the distance, left hurriedly, leaving a number of packages unmolested. Two men were subsequently arrested, on suspicion of being the parties. The news is confirmed at police headquarters at Fort Worth. Galveston Daily News

July 11, 1914 Agent Upshaw and his force moved into the new Frisco depot last Monday making much more convenient and comfortable, not only for the force, but also the traveling public. The grounds have been graded up and gravel spread, making it one of the most attractive depot surrounding on the road. The Granbury News

July 15, 1875 Hood County. Mr. W.B. Walters, living eight miles below Granbury, killed a Diamond rattlesnake last week, which measured six feet in length and twelve inches around the body. Galveston Daily News

July 18, 1876 Hood County. The late rise in the Brazos was the highest water known here within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. The destruction to crops in the extreme lowlands cannot at present be estimated. There are said to be as many as 100 wagon loads of fish in shallow water in the Blair Valley. A 132 pound cat(fish) was taken out. Galveston Daily News

July 25, 1870 A Letter from Texas. Acton, Hood County. Correspondent "J.N.D." described Hood County for the readers of the Keowee Courier, Pickens County, South Carolina.

Dear Sir: Having received many letters from the old Palmetto State, making enquiries about this country, I have concluded to write you a letter, which will show only a faint outline of North-west Texas, as it appears to me. In the course of this letter I shall answer some questions in regard



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to climate, soil, water, health, agriculture, stock raising and so on, without much respect for any system, order or rules of rhetoric.

A glance at the map will show that Acton, or Comanche Peak, near the centre of Hood County, is nearly on the same degree of latitude with Pocatigo, S.C., or tracing westward the 32 parallel, it will be found a little further south that Montgomery, Ala., Jackson, Miss., and Shreveport, La. As for its longitude West, it is far enough - say 1000 miles from Walhalla, measuring the wagon route by Helena, on the Mississippi river.

This country is different in climate, soil, &c., from the points above mentioned, and this difference is not easily shown on paper Suffice to say to say the soil is generally richer, climate more variable, the spring and well water as good, and the health, generally speaking better. Last week we had heat of the sun sufficient to scorch the grass, vines in the gardens and the corn blades in some fields that had not been cultivated. Yesterday and today the wind has been from the North, the air cool, the weather rainy enough to insure a full crop of corn and increase the number of squares on the cotton stalk. The prairie grass has already revived and looks as fresh and green as it did in May. It is a remarkable fact that the mesquite grass, during the hottest days of summer, will wilt and turn yellow as ripe wheat, and then if a rain falls sufficient to wet the roots it will soon revive, and look green and fresh again. It is thought to be better grazing in this cured condition than when green. In the spring, say from the 15th of March till the middle of June, the weather is truly delightful. a gentle breeze from the South all the time, just cool enough to be pleasant, with the prairie covered with its grasses and flowers, stock shedding their winter coats and growing fat and plump around the wheat fields, is almost enough to make a man go wild as well a beast. a "greeny from the States" might mistake a stock man for a wild one, if he were to meet him suddenly in the prairie and see his long beard, perhaps grey, his raw hide saddle, raw hide bridle, Mexican hat, bell spurs and a brace of Colt's heavy pistols. He is not after lawlessness and crime"—a stereotyped radical phrase—he is only gathering his stock.

Summer begins about the 20th of June with hot sunshine, occasionally a rainy day, and then several dry ones, with a stiff breeze from the south, which enables the prairie farmers to labor in comfort.

As autumn approaches the picture begins to fade. A torch put to the prairie grass would destroy it all till a road or creek stops the progress of the fire. Prairie stock remains fat until about the last of December, when winter begins in earnest. Perhaps without a quarter of a n hour's notice, the elements northward appears cloudy, and a fresh, bracing breeze strikes you



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from the direction of the cloud, presently another puff a little stronger, and soon on until one continuous stream of cold air passes you with all the regularity of a rapid stream of water. This wind continues for 12, 24, 36 hours, and sometimes brings a little rain, snow or sleet. This wind ceases more gradually than it begins, requiring usually a half day to subside. It is bracing and healthful to man, but soon changes the lively appearance of prairie stock, especially if the winds come more than once a week, and includes rain, snow or sleet.—These North winds recur with variable severity until towards the middle or last of March. By this time horses and cattle have got down on the other extreme from what they were in May. Keowee Courier

July 25, 1895 Baker-Rylee Hardware Co. have a well inside their building, with a windmill and tank on top the building, thus furnishing their own water works, which will greatly diminish the risk of loss by fire. The Granbury News

July 26, 1909 While playing on Stroud's Creek 3 ½ miles above the town of Granbury one day last week, the sons of J.G. Saul found a set of counterfeit's molds. Among the set was a die for a silver dollar, a 25-cent piece, a 50-cent piece and a \$5 gold piece, one bearing the date of 1904. The dies are now in the possession of Sheriff Sid Powell. Fort Worth Star Telegram

July 27, 1934 Special Officer Lindsey, sent to work in the Lipan section, shot Ross Dennis at Lipan, Monday night, and probably fatally wounded him. Dennis is in the Stephenville hospital. According to reports Lindsey had attended church and hearing a disturbance in town started to investigate and met Dennis who was carrying a shotgun. When asked why he had the shotgun, Dennis told Lindsey he was doing some soldiering. Lindsey said Dennis then asked for a match and when the officer started to hand him one, suddenly shoved the shotgun against Lindsey's side. The officer seized the barrel of the gun with one hand, with the other hand whipped out his pistol and shot Dennis in the chest. The special ranger's small son witnessed the clash. The Granbury News

July 28, 1922 The Thorp Spring Christian College sixty-acre park will be thrown open free of charge to campers. The beautiful Stroud Creek runs through this park, skirted by beautiful live oak and pecan trees which furnish abundant shade. There is also a fine site for camping at the Sulphur Spring, three blocks from the Auditorium. The large pavilion and pump station above the spring affords an excellent place for spreading picnic dinners. For those who do not wish to camp, we have provided accommodations at the dormitories. The scenery around Thorp Spring is unsurpassed in this section. Those who come will surely want to see Dripping Springs, Doyle Springs, Thompson's Mountain and the famous Comanche Peak. The Granbury News



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July 31, 1891 The elegant new court house at Granbury will be completed in a few days. San Saba News

July 31, 1947 Watch for the opening of the Granbury Airport soon. Free flight training to veterans under the G.I. Bill of Rights. The Hood County News-Tablet