

**Brazos County Natural History:**  
**Plants, Animals, Weather, Geology and Related Topics**

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College Station, Tex. ... August Thompsen, florist at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, has within the last few weeks put out about 300 trees on the college campus. These are oaks and they have been so distributed as to beautify the grounds. The trees were transplanted from the woods near by, and so far they have withstood the cold spell which struck the State very recently. Mr. Thompsen has charge of walks at the college, and has recently been putting in new graveled places for the convenience of the student body. Dallas Morning News, 2 January 1910, p.27.

Dr. R.H. Harrison has recently had a well bored on a place he bought from the Derden estate, two miles northeast of the city, and while sinking the well a fine vein of lignite was found. The driller of the well stated the vein was fifteen feet or more in depth. He struck the coal at 60 feet and remained in it until the well was completed at 77 feet. A fin flow of water was found right in the coal and it is said to be fine water. Dr. Harrison showed a sample of the coal to Mr. Swancoat, who is a good judge of coal, being a large owner in the lignite mines near Rockdale, and he pronounced it a first-class quality of soft coal. Dr. Harrison will have another well sunk at some distance as a test to ascertain if the coal extends over much territory. If it should prove to be a field in paying quantities, steps no doubt will be taken to mine it for fuel. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 20 January 1910, p.1, col.3.

“Drouth Being Felt,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 February 1910, p.1, col.6

“To Plant Senior Tree,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 February 1910, p.2, col.3. At Texas A&M

“Will Plant Class Tree,” Dallas Morning News, 6 February 1910, p.22. At Texas A&M

College Station, Tex., Feb. 24 – The sophomore class of the A. and M. College Wednesday planted its class tree on the college campus. The tree planting by the various classes of the college was inaugurated this year. The senior class proposed and planted its tree, and the plan is for the seniors, juniors and sophomores to each plant a tree this year and hereafter the tree will be planted each year by the sophomores. Next Saturday the juniors will plant their tree. At the exercises this afternoon Cesar Hohn, president of the sophomores, led a procession of his class to the spot where the tree was ready. The student band accompanied the class and played during the exercises. There was an address by President Hohn, the band played, then the committee on tree planting set the tree. The class marched around the spot and each member deposited some earth at the roots of the tree. The address of the occasion was delivered by James Hays Quarles, librarian of the college, who is in his second year as an officer of the college, and who has been elected an honorary member of the class. There was a large attendance.

Dallas Morning News, 25 February 1910, p.14

Mr. J.C. Mathis of Reliance, and his niece, Miss Bessie Holland, were in the city yesterday and left for Austin where the young lady will be put in the Pasteur Institute for treatment. She was bitten on last Thursday by a dog, and while it was not known positively to have been mad, yet its actions were such as to arouse suspicions. This being the case her relatives were not willing to take the chances and to be on the safe side she was taken to the institute for treatment. Her many friends indulge the hope that no serious consequences will develop and that she will soon return to them in perfect health and all cause for uneasiness removed. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 March 1910, p.2, col.1.

"College Station," Galveston Daily News, 13 March 1910, p.24. Mentions junior class tree planting

"Will Bud Your Pecans," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 24 March 1910, p.2, col.6. Prof. E.J. Kyle

Uncle Steve Harlan, of the Alexander community, was in the city today and called on *The Eagle*. He stated to the reporter that a belled buzzard had made its appearance on the farm of Mr. J.B. Dunn and had been there about ten days. He said the buzzard also had a small flag of some kind attached to it. He was very anxious to know where the buzzard had come from and if any of the readers of the *Eagle* can give us the information, or if they have seen accounts of the belled buzzard from other places, we would be glad if they would communicate with us. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 31 March 1910, p.2, col.3.

Mr. T.A. Satterwhite brought in the largest fish this afternoon that has been seen in Bryan in a long time. It was caught by J. Snider at Pitts Bridge on the Big Brazos and bought from him by Mr. Satterwhite. It was a yellow cat and weighed 51 pounds. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 14 April 1910, p.2, col.4.

The hail that fell late Saturday afternoon and Saturday night did quite a lot of damage in this county. Out east of town the truck farms of W.C. Wilcox and F.W. Yeager were badly damaged. Mr. R.M. Nall who lives immediately between the two places was also badly damaged by having his corn badly beaten and split up. There was a heavy hail in the bottom in the neighborhood of Stone City, but reports from there today stated that the damage was not as great as at first thought and nothing will have to be planted over. The heaviest damage was in the Smetana and Rosprim communities. The *Eagle* is informed that much of both corn and cotton will have to be planted again in these communities. Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 May 1910, p.1

The rain storm at 11:30 this morning was one of the hardest that has fallen in this county in many a day. It had been threatening for some time and was so dark lamps had to be lighted in stores and dwellings. When it finally burst in all its fury, it seemed as if the very floodgates of heaven were opened and a perfect deluge followed. The streets were converted into rivers, and it is feared the vast volume of waters overflowed the creeks and small streams, causing damage on the creek bottom farms. The Brazos River was carrying a small red rise today accompanied by considerable drift. The red water and drift would indicate heavy rains on the head waters of the stream. The rain was accompanied by some wind, two windows in the A. and M. College library being blown

in and slight damage resulting from water. In town a few trees blown down was the only damage. Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 May 1910, p.1

During the heavy rain yesterday lightning struck the residence of Mrs. C.R. Winter in the southern part of the city and the members of the family who were at home received a considerable shock and had a very narrow escape. A large hole was knocked in the chimney and also the roof. Fortunately the hard rain prevented the building from taking fire. Bryan Daily Eagle, 20 May 1910, p.1

"Commencement Exercises of the A. and M. College," Galveston Daily News, 31 May 1910, p.3. Custom of planting "class trees" on campus

Section Foreman Hewett of near College Station, lost a fine Jersey heifer today from hydrophobia. She was attacked during the morning and tore down several fences and finally became so violent that she had to be shot. She was a fine animal and the loss is quite heavy. Bryan Daily Eagle, 4 August 1910, p.3

The *Eagle* received by mail this morning from Mr. R.R. Royall of Union Hill an ear of pop corn that had been popped by the heat of the sun, on the stalk. It was grown by Ab Carson and nearly every grain on the ear was popped when found. Bryan Daily Eagle, 30 August 1910, p.1

The reporter of the *Eagle*, in conversation with Mr. C.G. Parsons to day, learned that it is his purpose to organize a stock company for the improvement of his manganic wells. Mr. Parsons says that he has the strongest testimonials as to the qualities of the water, and says he has plenty of it. His plan is the establishment of a regular resort like other places where there is mineral water. He thinks this can easily be done by the organization of a stock company and the extension of the interurban line to the wells. The distance is only about two miles and there is no reason why such an enterprise should not be successful. All that is needed is to promote it with energy and good judgment. Every intelligent person must realize what the success of this enterprise would mean to Bryan. It would bring thousands of visitors every year, who would leave much money and carry away nothing but good health. Bryan Daily Eagle, 8 September 1910, p.1

"Wind and Hailstorm," Bryan Daily Eagle, 10 September 1910, p.4

Charley Vesmirovsky brought to *The Eagle* sanctum today two unripe lemons and a bunch of Japanese persimmons, which he clipped from two year old trees in his orchard in this city. The lemons weigh twelve ounces each and look like green ponadors rather than lemons. The persimmons are also exceptionall fine. This fruit is for the Brazos County exhibit at the Dallas and San Antonio. fair of which Mr. Yeagar has chargebe. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 October 1910, p.4, col.5.

"Good Water at Hill Crest," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 November 1910, p.5, col.2. At a depth of 68 feet.

"Remarkable Artesian Well," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 10 November 1910, p.4, col.1. Mr. T.W. Drew at Edge, at a depth of 92 feet.

“That Well Work Continues,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 5 January 1911, p.9, col.1. For water, in Bryan

“Test Well Will Be Drilled Through Sand,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 January 1911, p.8, col.2. For water.

“Contracted for Two Wells,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 January 1911, p.5, col.5

Little Abney Stallings, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Stallings, of this city, was bitten a few days ago by a dog which was supposed to be mad. The dog was taken to College and examined by veterinary surgeons and symptoms of hydrophobia were in evidence. Mr. Stallings and his little son left last night for Austin, where the little fellow will be treated at the Pasteur Institute. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 9 February 1911, p.1, col.3.

“Drilling to Begin at Once,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 9 February 1911, p.1, col.4. For oil or gas

Master Abney Stallings, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Green Stallings, who was recently bitten by a mad dog and given a course of treatment at the Pasteur Institute at Austin, has entirely recovered from all effects of the bite. Mr. and Mrs. Stallings desire to express to their friends their sincere thanks for kindness and assistance during the illness of their little son. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 March 1911, p.5, col.3.

“Struck Gas at Depth of 147 Feet,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 March 1911, p.8, col.2

Napoleon Wilson, colored of Stone City, brought to town today a whopping big catfish. The big fellow weighed 59 pounds and was taken from the Brazos River. Bryan Daily Eagle, 5 April 1911, p.5, col.3.

“A. & M. Campus Flooded,” Dallas Morning News, 11 April 1911, p.10. “With a crash that was heard all over the campus, the storage tank at the steam plant of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas collapsed last night ... There are two deep wells at the college. One of these is heavily impregnated with sulphur, and while it is not distasteful for drinking, some people do not like it. This well is pumped into the big standpipe. The other well has no sulphur taste or smell, and the water from it has been pumped into a large galvanized tank and distributed from there to the mess hall for the use of the students ...”

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Hunicutt was bitten late Saturday afternoon by a dog supposed to be mad. The dog acted very strangely and died that night. The carcass of the dog was taken to A. & M. College Sunday morning and dissected by professors of that institution, who discovered an abnormal condition, but could not definitely determine whether or not it was hydrophobia. To be safe, however, Mr. Hunicutt left at noon yesterday with the child for Austin to have him treated in the Pasteur Institute. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hunicutt indulge the hope that no serious results will follow. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 April 1911, p.8, col.4.

“Big Hail Saturday,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 27 April 1911, p.6, col.3

College Station, Tex., May 2 – Almost seven inches of rain has fallen in this vicinity since the first day of April. The records kept here by N.C. Hamner, assistant State chemist for the United States Weather Bureau, show for the month a total of 6.86 inches. Dallas Morning News, 3 May 1911, p.14

“Rainfall for Seven Years,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 28 June 1911, p.1. Recorded by Mrs. Julia Wipprecht

Hay, Oliver P., “A Fossil Specimen of the Alligator Snapper (*Macrochelys Temminckii*) from Texas,” Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, 50 (200):452-455 (July / August 1911). Found during dredging operations in the Brazos River between College Station and Navasota.

“Struck Gas Pocket,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 24 August 1911, p.5, col.4. On the Putz farm, south of Texas A&M.

“Wells Make Good Showing,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 October 1911, p.5, col.4. City of Bryan.

Mr. Sam Eaves killed a mad dog at his home in this city this morning. The dog came into his yard and attacked him, which was the first intimation he had that there was a mad dog in the community. He had a lively time fighting him off, but finally got into the house and secured his gun, with which he soon put a period to the dog’s career. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 9 November 1911, p.2, col.2.

“Hookworm at A. and M.,” Galveston Daily News, 29 November 1911, p.8. Only two cases at A&M

During the rain and electric storm Saturday night the barn of Mrs. Alice Cole at Coleview was struck by lightning and was burned to the ground with all its contents. Mrs. Cole moved to Bryan a short time ago and Mr. I.B. Todd lives on her place at Coleview. Mr. Todd lost with the barn about 400 bushels of corn, his plow tools, plow harness, buggy harness and saddle. Mrs. Cole lost several tons of hay, plow tools and harness, and Thurston Cole also lost all his farming implements and harness. The loss will aggregate about \$1500, with no insurance. The loss is a heavy blow to all the owners, and especially to Mr. Todd, who lost his corn with the present high prices. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 14 December 1911, p.5, col.3.

“Oil and Gas Discovered,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 December 1911, p.6, col.2

College Station, Tex., Jan. 12 – Official records here are that the temperature dropped from 75 yesterday to 11 above zero today. The Agricultural and Mechanical College is situated on the crest of a wide divide and the strong north wind had a clear sweep and it was keenly felt. The students are comfortable, however, as fuel is plentiful and there is no restriction upon its use. Dallas Morning News, 13 January 1912, p.11.

The rain of last night was among the heaviest that ever fell in Brazos County in a single night. The government rain gauge, kept by Mrs. Julie Wipprecht, registered a fall of 3.93 inches, which is almost unprecedented in the history of the county. The store of the Edge Dry Goods Company was flooded with water, resulting in heavy damages, the greatest loss occurring in the dress goods and silk departments. Mr. J.L. Edge stated to an Eagle reporter today that he could not state exactly the extent of the firm's losses, but thought from the hasty examination that had been made that it would run to between \$5000 and \$10,000. Reports from the country indicated that the farms were badly damaged from washing. All the creeks of the county overflowed their banks and many farms along Wixon and Carter's Creeks were covered with water. The same is true of Thompson and Still Creeks, the waters from the two meeting, the same as they did in 1899. Bryan Daily Eagle, 28 March 1912, p.6

During the terrible rains and electrical storm this morning about 6 o'clock the barn of Mr. John Nicol of this city was struck by lightning, his horse killed and the barn and all contents destroyed by a fire which followed. The telephone service in that part of the city was disconcerted by the lightning and for that reason the alarm was late being turned in, and the firemen as a result arrived on the scene to late to accomplish anything. Besides his horse, Mr. Nicol lost a fine saddle, a lot of harness and quite a quantity of hay and corn. He estimates his loss at about \$500, with only \$150 insurance. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 28 March 1912, p.6, col.3.

"A.& M. Needs Better Water System," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 6 June 1912, p.8, col.4

"A. & M. to Have First Class Water System," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 June 1912, p.10, col.3

"Bored Into an Artesian Stream," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 20 June 1912, p.3, col.5. At Bee Creek, north of Bryan

The following party of Brazos County people were camped last week at Sulphur Springs on the Navasota River and report a most delightful time: Mr. and Mrs. I.B. Todd and children, Mr. and Mrs. Amon Williams and children; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cargill ... (illegible) ... and Luther Johnson. Every moment of the encampment was enjoyed and the men of the party provided plenty of fish and squirrels. It was reported to the *Eagle* that 160 pounds of fish were caught, and all the squirrels killed that the whole party could use. A regular feast was enjoyed every day. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 18 July 1912, p.1, col.3.

"Electric Storm Saturday Afternoon," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 29 August 1912, p.2, col.1

A.A. Snell, manager of the Bryan Gas & Oil Company, spent part of yesterday in the city and reported that indications are very encouraging. They shut down on account of a dearth of water from well No.1, which was furnishing the supply for operating the rig on No.2 well the company is now drilling. To secure a water supply they shot well No.1 with dynamite at a depth of 615 feet and had a regular gusher of water, gas and oil for about fifteen minutes. Well No.2 will be shut down pending an investigation of conditions in well No.1. The presence of oil and gas in well No.1 is very encouraging at

such a depth, and Manager Snell is very sanguine regarding prospects in well No.2. Bryan Daily Eagle, 5 September 1912, p.1

A.A. Snell, manager of the Bryan Gas & Oil Company, which concern is drilling for oil two miles south of College Station, was in the city today, and in talking of his wells said that in well No.1 hot water in an inexhaustible supply had been struck at a depth of 1500 feet. In commenting on water conditions in Bryan, Mr. Snell remarked that he did not see why a deep well might not be drilled in Bryan and that there were fine indications of securing hot water, in which case Bryan might enjoy the same advantages as Marlin in this line. At any rate, it could secure a sufficient quantity of water to sprinkle the streets and avoid other inconveniences caused by a scarcity of water. Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 September 1912, p.1

Citizens residing on the outskirts of the city complain that every afternoon when school dismisses their farms are infested with crowds of boys armed with target rifles and shotguns who shoot everything they see from a toadfrog to a Jersey cow. This is a practice that should be stopped and the parents of the boys should use their best efforts in putting an end to it. Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 November 1912, p.1

Wood Sawing.

I have purchased the S.W. Buchanan wood sawing outfit and am ready to serve the public. Wood sawed for 75 cents per cord.

T.W. Cole

Bryan Daily Eagle, 26 November 1912, p.3

The general manager of one of the largest brickmaking plants in the state has been in Bryan today investigating and prospecting with a view to moving his plant to this city. The chief consideration upon which the undertaking hinges is the presence of brickmaking clay beds in sufficient quantities. The investigations made this morning were highly satisfactory, and Secretary Hewitt was out with the gentleman this afternoon for the purpose of further research and inquiry. Bryan greatly needs a plant of this kind, and it is to be hoped the gentleman will find conditions such as to justify him in moving his plant here. Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 December 1912, p.5

Bill Smith, one of Bryan's old time darkeys was killed today in a well upon which he was working at the Fountain sanitarium. The well is nearly forty feet deep and the old Negro was laying brick down about twenty-five feet when gas began to rush in through a crack from a nearby cesspool. He shouted to the darkey helping him to draw him up and stepped into the well bucket and was pulled within six feet of the top when he became unconscious and fell back into the well. Owing to the amount of water in the well, so far efforts to recover the body have failed, and the water is being drawn out. "Uncle Bill" was well known and had been a familiar figure on the streets of Bryan for more than forty years. He had many friends, both white and black, who will regret to learn of his tragic death. Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 December 1912, p.6

The body of Bill Smith was recovered at dark yesterday afternoon from the well at the Fountain sanitarium, where it had been covered by the caving in of the sides of the well after the old Negro had fallen back into it, overcome by gas when he had been drawn within six feet of the top. His funeral took place today at 2 o'clock from his late home. The many friends of "Uncle Bill," representing both white and black, are sincerely sorry to hear of the death of this old time darkey who had for years dug wells all over the county. Bryan Daily Eagle, 11 December 1912, p.5

Mr. M.E. Wallace of *The Eagle* is an expert in fetching Christmas trees from the woods. He is impervious to bad roads and the weather, and also knows where the finest ones are to be found. Parties wishing Christmas trees should consult Mr. Wallace at once. Bryan Daily Eagle, 23 December 1912, p.5

The preliminary test of the clay deposit has been pronounced satisfactory by the brick works, and the company has now asked the Commercial Club to forward about thirty sacks, which goes forward today. This territory was tested under the supervision of the company's expert, and a fifteen year deposit found, estimating 100,000 brick per day. It takes a man to each thousand brick after the first 50,000 per day, which calls for about sixty men. The company has signified its intention to come to Bryan if the final test proves as satisfactory as is expected. It will cost Bryan the land for location to secure this industry, and the secretary has secured an option at a very reasonable figure, the owner being anxious to secure the industry for this city. Bryan Daily Eagle, 3 January 1913, p.1

Commercial Club secretary L.M. Hewitt received a letter this morning from the brick manufacturing company that has been figuring for some time on removing its plant to this city. It seems that the question of their coming here depends largely on the test of the clay that was shipped to them by the Commercial Club some time ago, and which is now in progress. The letter states the clay came from the mixing and moulding machinery in fine shape, and that it also stood the dry test well. The brick are now being burned and are showing up splendidly. They will be ready to come from the kiln in seven or eight days. From the tone of the letter Mr. Hewitt is much encouraged and believes the prospects are now much brighter for securing this most valuable industry for Bryan. Bryan Daily Eagle, 5 February 1913, p.2

"Bryan Gas and Oil Co.," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 6 February 1913, p.5, col.4

"Heaters Save College Orchard," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 27 March 1913, p.8, col.6

"Heavy Hail at Zack," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 27 March 1913, p.8, col.4.

"Brick Plant Officers Again in Bryan," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 4 April 1913, p.6, col.1

"City Well Completed," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 April 1913, p.3, col.1

During the rain this morning a Negro and a mule were killed instantly by lightning on one of the big farms in the bottom. The Eagle learns the Negro was in the field plowing and the bolt did its work so quickly he never knew what struck him. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 June 1913, p.8, col.5



Good Rain at Tabor – A good shower fell here and at College this morning, and as far northeast as Kurten, where the rain was slight. A heavy rain fell in the northern part of the county around Tabor, but the Brazos bottom received only a shower. Other parts of the county have not been heard from. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 June 1913, p.8, col.5

“Lawler Makes Wells Produce More Water,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 19 June 1913, p.1, col.3

C.G. Walker, Jr., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. C.G. Walker, was bitten by his pet dog Friday morning and has been taken to the Pasteur Institute at Austin by his father, C.G. Walker. The dog became suddenly enraged while the child was playing with it and bit him on the fingers and arm. In the afternoon the dog became frantic and showed indications of rabies. Dr. Oliver was called and advised that the child be taken to the Pasteur Institute at Austin and Mr. Walker took the head of the dog and his little son to that institute Saturday morning. The dog’s head was examined Saturday but the physicians did not come to any definite conclusion, deciding to make another examination today, at which time they will be better prepared to determine upon a decision. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 June 1913, p.3, col.3.

“To Fight Hookworm in Brazos County,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 25 September 1913, p.1, col.1

“Would Examine A.& M. for Hookworm Disease,” Dallas Morning News, 25 September 1913, p.6. “Dr. C.H. Brownlee is this week just beginning a six weeks’ campaign in Brazos County. It is sincerely hoped that every student at the A. & M. College, College Station, will voluntarily ask to be examined for hookworm disease at the Brazos County dispensaries, for by so doing, they will set a moral example for the young children of Texas. If the entire student body of a college with the standing of the A. & M. will be examined for hookworm infection, then why should any citizen of Texas stand back?”

Eagle readers will recall the finding of an alligator’s nest in Hall’s Lake, near the home of Prof. H.W. South, a short time ago, containing a large number of eggs. The eggs were taken to Mr. South’s home and placed in another nest made of mud and weeds as nearly like the one from which they were taken as possible. The nest was then thoroughly wet and left to the action of the sun, the wind and the rain. Today Prof. South called at *The Eagle* office and informed us that a few days ago the eggs began to hatch and nearly every one of them produced a small-sized ‘gator. The professor says he built a small pool for them and they are all well, healthy and apparently happy. If any of his friends would like to have a baby alligator to raise by hand, and bring up in the way it should go, all they have to do is to make their wishes known. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 25 September 1913, p.8, col.3

College Station, Tex., Sept. 27 – Dr. C.M. Brownlee of the Rockefeller Hookworm Commission arrived here this afternoon and will examine cadets at the A. & M. College to determine whether any of them are infected with Hookworm. He will spend the entire week here, and although it will not be compulsory, Dr. Brownlee expects to examine the big portion of the 850 students at the college. Dr. Stiles, the hookworm expert, was here

two years ago and examined the corps. He pronounced the Aggies the best developed students he had ever seen. Dr. Brownlee will have the co-operation of the college surgeon, Dr. Otton Ehlinger. Dallas Morning News, 28 September 1913, p.9

College Station, Tex., Oct. 15 – That the cadets at the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College are exceptionally rugged and hardy youths is the statement of Dr. C.L. Brownlee of the Texas Hookworm Commission, who is conducting an examination of the cadets to learn what percentage of the students are infected with this disease. To date Dr. Brownlee has examined 105 of the cadets and has found only two cases of hookworm. Of the 450 persons examined at Bryan he found in the first 100 examinations ten cases of hookworm. The other examinations have not yet been completed yet. “There are undoubtedly some more cases of hookworm at the college, but I must say that all kinds of disease and sickness are on the scarce list at the college,” said Dr. Brownlee. “I have never seen a healthier, better developed bunch of youngsters than the embryo farmers and engineers. However, I hope to continue my examinations until I have examined every one of the 850 boys there. I know that I will find some more cases of this disease. I am bound to, but this far I have found the percentage to be very, very small indeed.” Dr. Brownlee has been in Brazos County for several days already and he will remain here for four more weeks. Dallas Morning News, 16 October 1913, p.14

“Boys Killing Birds,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 30 October 1913, p.5, col.6

Sam Gaines, colored, of Wixon Creek community, brought to the *Eagle* office today the stuffed skin of a genuine black squirrel. There was not a white nor brown hair on it, but was what might be termed “coal black.” The ordinary black squirrel has more or less brown or white hair, but this one was entirely black. Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 November 1913, p.5, col.2.

“Brazos County Hookworm Report,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 20 November 1913, p.6, col.1

“Highest Stage Passes Bryan,” Houston Post, 7 December 1913, pp.1, 7. “An old Negro named Bob Foster, who came to the Brazos Bottom as a slave of Tom Wilson, one of the oldest planters of the Mudville section, in 1851, says that this is the worst flood he has ever seen, but some old settlers say that the flood of 1854 was about the same size, however, at that time little damage was done as there were few plantations. The old Negro says that the overflows have always heretofore come either in the early spring or summer, and never in the fall or winter. The floods in the early spring have done little damage, but those in the summer have destroyed growing crops.”

“Severe Crisis at Wellborn,” Houston Post, 7 December 1913, p.1

“Guarding Milican Property,” Houston Post, 9 December 1913, p.4

“A. and M. Cadets and Money Go to Aid Flood Sufferers,” Houston Post, 10 December 1913, p.8

“15,000 Needy Around Bryan,” Houston Post, 10 December 1913, p.8

Killed a Wild Cat – Abram Hensarling of Wellborn and Evander Hensarling of Steep Hollow called at *The Eagle* today and reported a big cat chase on Wixon Creek last night, enjoyed by Evander Hensarling, Charley Hartsfield and Elmer Bullock. They had two splendid cat dogs, and after hunting a while a big cat was jumped and after a two hours chase the varmint took a tree and was shot out by one of the boys. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 15 January 1914, p.3, col.3.

Charlie Hartsfield and Sam Freeman brought a catamount in to the *Eagle* office today that they killed last night on Mrs. Moore's place on Wixon Creek. It measures four and one half feet from front to back toes and has claws about three-quarters of an inch in length and weighs about twenty pounds. Messrs. Charlie Hartsfield, Sam Freeman, Elmer Bullock and Ernest Thompson were out last night giving the dogs of Mr. Hartsfield a run, when they struck the trail of the cat. He ran to a tree and Elmer Bullock shot him with No.7 shot behind the left foreleg, after which the dogs took hold and finished him. The run lasted about an hour and the cat put up a game fight, wounding two of the dogs, but they stayed with the cat until they finished him. This is the second cat this crowd has killed in the last four days. Mr. Hartsfield says he is going to mount the cat and preserve him. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 January 1914, p.4, col.5.

Fifteen Years Ago in Bryan ... *Daily Eagle*, March 5, 1899 ... The sandstorms yesterday were something awful. The streets were filled with people whose eyes were filled with sand ... (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 March 1914, p.3, col.3

“Signed Contract for Well,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 11 June 1914, p.1, col.3. City of Bryan

The Baptist Church at Steep Hollow was struck by lightning during the rain Monday afternoon and considerably damaged. The roof was pretty badly torn up and the weather boarding ripped off on the side where the bolt struck. One or two seats on the inside of the building were torn up. Fortunately the building did not catch fire. The damage is covered by insurance. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 27 August 1914, p.6, col.2.

“New Well Completed,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 September 1914, p.3, col.1

“Relief for Asp Sting,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 October 1914, p.8, col.4

A small animal was brought in to Deputy County Clerk George Nedbalek yesterday afternoon by two Negroes, who thought it was a fox, but it turned out to be a puzzler, as several of Bryan's oldest hunters were unable to name it. The animal is shaped like the fox, but it more like a ring tail cat than anything. It is about ten inches high and about eighteen inches long, with a long ringed tail. The dictionary gives the name as “cacomixla” [cacomixl], a small animal found in California, New Mexico and very rarely in Texas. The hide is said to be very valuable. Mr. Nedbalek proposes to make a pet of it if possible. The animal created much interest, as this is the first of its kind ever seen in this part of the country. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 29 October 1914, p.2, col.4.

“Millican Folks Enjoy Possum Hunt,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 November 1914, p.2

