

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

1915-1922

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The county had a force of men at work today getting ready to plant the forty shade trees around the court house yard which the commissioners' court purchased at their last meeting. The work is under the direction of C.E. Graham and Guy W. Adriance of the A. & M. College, from whom the trees were purchased. They are using the blasting and subsoiling process in order to loosen the dirt around the roots of the trees and give the roots a better chance to grow. This is said to be the latest and best method used in planting trees and should bring better results than are obtained under the old method. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 January 1915, p.1, col.1.

Bryan, Texas, Feb. 1 – The severest storm in years struck Bryan at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, doing great damage. The Farmers' Union cotton warehouse was damaged several hundred dollars, and a large part of the roof was blown several hundred yards. Several barns were wrecked. Dallas Morning News, 2 February 1915, p.3

“Hard Wind Storm Saturday Night,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 4 February 1915, p.8, col.1

“Contract Was Let for Deep Well,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 25 March 1915, p.8, col.5. City of Bryan.

Bryan, Texas, April 26 – Unprecedented rains throughout this section and north of here brought another rise in the Brazos last night and the water is now as high as at any time since the overflow began Thursday night. In some of the lowest places the water is reported to be six and seven feet deep. All the lowlands are covered. It is assured that much of the crops will have to be planted over and the planters are fearful lest all have to be replanted. George Stelzer and family, with twelve others, were marooned last night at Cawthon, on the International & Great Northern Railroad, near Wellborn, and phones to Bryan this morning for a boat. The matter was taken up with the railroad and a local was sent for them and managed to reach them in time. They were brought to Bryan this afternoon. They report everything lost. Dallas Morning News, 27 April 1915, p.3.

“Mosquito Meeting Held Monday,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 6 May 1915, p.8

“Oil Prospector Here,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 May 1915, p.7, col.2

“Escaping Gas at City's New Well,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 20 May 1915, p.3, col.3

The first mad dog of the season was killed early this morning in the Dansby pasture east of the old Bryan steam laundry, by John Sealy Caldwell. The dog was discovered last night about midnight, but escaped in the darkness and is reported to have roamed over the

eastern part of the city. It is possible several dogs were bitten by him, as he is said to have been snapping at everything with which he came in contact. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 27 May 1915, p.3, col.2

“Gas and Oil Meeting,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 June 1915, p.8, col.5

“Deep Well Water Analyzed,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 10 June 1915, p.1, col.3

“New City Well Ordered Cut Out,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 July 1915, p.3, col.6.

"Struck By Lightning," Bryan Daily Eagle, 31 July 1915, p.3, col.4. T.F. Carson of Union Hill

Yesterday was our birthday and modesty prevented us from mentioning the fact to our friends – we always disliked being showered with presents, etc. Therefore, we thought the incident would pass unnoticed. It was not intended to be so, however, owing to the keen recollection of our old friend, Jack Graham of Bethel. Remembering this eventful day of our life, he procured a shotgun and ammunition and proceeded to the woods in search of what he knew would best please us – a mess of squirrels. Fate was with us, and this morning this old denizen of the forest passed through our window at the office six ice-cooled, fate, juicy specimens of the S. Cinereus tribe, for which he has our most sincere thanks. Speaking of squirrel hunters, Jack has no peer. Having served his apprenticeship as a “turner” in the early years of his life, he is now at the top of the list. Without a dog to guide him in the woods, he quietly wends his way here and there and with an eye keen and undimmed and an ear as sensitive as an Indian’s, he never fails to bag his game. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 5 August 1915, p.4, col.3

“Shiloh Church Damaged,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 August 1915, p.5, col.6. During a storm.

“No Oil, No Gas Found in Bryan,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 7 October 1915, p.1

"Reported Boll Weevils Bad," Bryan Weekly Eagle, 28 October 1915, p.5, col.6

A visit was made to the Millican rock quarry yesterday by County Judge J.T. Maloney, Commissioner W.B. Easters and W.J. Coulter and M.F. Dansby of the good roads advisory committee, to inspect the rock with a view to using same in the construction of the good roads in this county. The other members of the commissioners’ court were supposed to have taken the trip, but in some manner the schedule and plans were confused and they did not go. Nothing definite has been decided, as the trip was merely prospective. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 11 November 1915, p.8, col.5.

Bryan, Texas, Dec. 31 – Clarence Ousley of the extension department of A. & M. has donated to the Civic League for the Civic Park, a half dozen very fine Delmas pecan trees. Fort Worth Star Telegram, 31 December 1915, page 9

“Notes of Interest from A.& M. College,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 January 1916, p.1. “Plans for the celebration of Arbor Day are being made at the A. and M. College. Feb.22 will be a day of tree planting at the college, and the extension service is planning to enlist the teachers and school children of Texas in a tree planting celebration on that date.”

“Tree Planting Spirit is On,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 January 1916, p.3, col.1. City of Bryan bought 40 elm trees.

A wagon load of fish was on the streets this morning that attracted considerable attention. The fish were caught out of the Navasota River, twenty miles from Bryan, and were of the Buffalo specie. The load weighed 500 pounds and ranged in weight from four to thirty-five pounds each and found a ready sale. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 24 February 1916, p.7, col.3.

“Rain Saved Crops,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 3 May 1916, p.1, col.1

The *Eagle* was informed by phone today by John Tauber of near College, that the tailor shop of John Konecny, his son-in-law, at the entrance to the College campus, was struck by lightning during the rain early this morning. Mr. Konecny was in the shop at the time, and while badly shocked, was not seriously injured. He was sitting at his sewing machine and the needle on same was melted and a lamp near him was broken, but, outside of that, but little damage was done. It was a close call for Mr. Konecny, and an experience he will no doubt remember as long as he lives. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 4 May 1916, p.1, col. 3.

“Storm Damage is Reported,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 25 May 1916, p.7, col.5. Wind, hail and lightning.

“Painfully Shot While Hunting,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 29 June 1916, p.1, col.1. Charles Tabor.

“Lightning Kills Horse,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 29 June 1916, p.3, col.3. At Kurten.

“Lightning Kills a Good Citizen,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 6 July 1916, p.6, col.1. Henry Lenz

“Swimming Lake for A.& M. Cadets,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 8 July 1916, p.6, col.3. Will be built in deep ravine across the railroad tracks.

“Ballast for Car Line,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 12 July 1916, p.3, col.5. Gravel was coming from pit at Wellborn.

“Heavy Rain and Wind at Wellborn,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 July 1916, p.1, col.3

Mr. Ben Bulmanskie brought to town this morning two of the finest fish that have been on display in Bryan since the fishing season opened. They were caught at Goodson's Bend on the Big Brazos, and were the channel cat variety. The larger one, which was a yellow cat, tipped the scales at 26 ½ pounds, and the small one at 16. Mr. Bulmanskie said he caught the fish Thursday night on a trot line. Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 July 1916, p.3, col.6.

"Fine Well Completed," Bryan Daily Eagle, 2 August 1916, p.2, col.6. At O.P. Bittle's farm.

"A Large Cat Fish," Bryan Daily Eagle, 7 August 1916, p.4, col.2.

"Fisherman Returns Home," Bryan Daily Eagle, 11 August 1916, p.1, col.2. Jesse Hensarling.

"Rain Yesterday Was Not General," Bryan Daily Eagle, 22 August 1916, p.4, col.2

"Prolonged Drouth Broken Last Night," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 19 October 1916, p.1, col.2

"Interurban People to Dig Well," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 October 1916, p.7, col.3

"Bryan Temperatures," Bryan Daily Eagle, 16 January 1917, p.1, col.2. Included sleet.

"Three Inches of Snow in Bryan," Bryan Daily Eagle, 17 January 1917, p.2. Brought to Bryan on top of railroad cars.

"Spent Night in Well," Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 January 1917, p.3, col.2. George Canady, an African American.

"Prof. E.J. Kyle Offers Trees for A.& M. Road," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 25 January 1917, p.6, col.1

"Bitten by a Rabid Dog," Bryan Daily Eagle, 29 January 1917, p.5, col.4

"Thermometer Down to 15," Bryan Daily Eagle, 2 February 1917, p.1, col.1

"Lost Wood Pile," Bryan Daily Eagle, 5 February 1917, p.1, col.4. By fire, during blizzard.

"Child's Feet Frozen," Bryan Daily Eagle, 7 February 1917, p.1, col.1

"Bothered by Wolves Hill Calls for Help," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 May 1917, p.3, col.4

"Try to Find Water for Bryan," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 14 June 1917, p.1, col.1

“Temperature in Bryan 109 ½ Degrees Tues.,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 July 1917, p.1, col.3

“To Drill for Oil on Wixon Creek,” (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 September 1917, p.1, col.4

“Drilling is Started on Blanche L. Well,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 17 October 1917, p.4. Near Wixon Creek.

“Oil Indications in Blanche L. Well Very Encouraging,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 1 November 1917, p.1, col.2

“Drilling on Oil Well at Standstill,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 November 1917, p.3, col.4

“Thermometer Registered 22,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 8 December 1917, p.1, col.5

“Temperature of 22 Registered in Bryan,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 29 December 1917, p.1, col.5

“Record Cold Spell with Fall of Snow Visit Bryan in Night,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 11 January 1918, p.1, col.1

Bryan, Texas, Jan.11 – Brazos County was visited by the severest blizzard and heaviest snowfall since 1867. The snow was four inches level, 15 to 24 inches drift. The temperature was 6 above zero. The snow will be of great benefit to the farmers. Dallas Morning News, 12 January 1918, p.3

“Planting Pecans on the College Road,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 January 1918, p.1, col.4

“Cold Wave is Coming; Turn Off the Water,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 January 1918, p.1, col.7

“Lowest Temperature Here was 25 Degrees,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 January 1918, p.3

“Three Peach Trees Only to Each Farm in Brazos County,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 February 1918, p.1, col.3

“Rainfall of 4.10 Inches Here Was of Great Benefit,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 18 February 1918, p.3

Harvey, May 1 – The heaviest rain of the year fell here this week, beginning Monday night and continuing all day Tuesday. Much lightning accompanied the rain in the early morning. An old Negro, Ross Levi, living on Lee Andrew’s place, was struck by lightning and killed while driving some calves. It seems he was dead when found. Bryan Daily Eagle, 2 May 1918, page 4, col.4.

“Mosquito in Bryan to be Exterminated if Commission Acts,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 2 May 1918, p.3

Alvin Dyess, aged 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dyess of the Minter Springs neighborhood, near Wellborn, was killed by lightning yesterday afternoon while hoeing peas with other members of the family. None of the others appear to have been injured, however, the smaller children having run for the house and Mrs. Dyess seemingly not having been close enough to sustain serious hurts. The boy’s body was badly burned about the chest and his clothing was burned off. The funeral was held this afternoon. He was a nephew of Mrs. Roy Vick and Miss Daisy Lee of Bryan. Lightning did some damage in town yesterday, having burned out a number of fuses in residences, but nothing more serious here has been reported. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 13 June 1918, p.2, col.6

Jack Zanetti brought to *The Eagle* office this morning a sample of lignite taken from the farm of Fritz Plagens in the Kurten neighborhood. A sample was also sent R.L. Morrison of the highway department at the college, who piloted Engineer Darling of the bureau of mines over this section a few days ago. The lignite plainly shows its wood origin and Mr. Zanetti says there are evidences that it is to be found in large quantities the full length of Big Sandy Creek. This particular piece was taken from a depth of about 800 feet and from a strata about eight feet in thickness. He also brought to town a piece of rock that has the appearance of iron ore and says the outcroppings of sulphur along the creek are extensive and frequently employed by Mr. Plagens in destroying boll weevils, ticks, mosquitoes, and the like. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 22 August 1918, p.2, col.3.

“Tabor School Has Gala Time Planting Trees,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 12 February 1919, p.4, col.6

“Next Saturday is Crepe Myrtle Day,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 18 February 1919, p.4, col.5. In Bryan.

“Drilling for Oil Has Commenced in Brazos County,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 14 March 1919, p.1, col.5

“Big Ben Drilling Sundays; Visitors Will Be Welcome,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 April 1919, p.1, col.4

Bryan, Texas, April 16 – The Big Ben well No. 1, being drilled in the southern part of Brazos County is down nearly 500 feet and the latest report from there says there is a strong pressure of gas and good trace of oil covering the slush in the pit. Dallas Morning News, 17 April 1919, p.14

“Unearth Human Skull on Brazos,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 6 June 1919, p.1, col.6

“Steady Downpour of Rain in Brazos and Bryan for 40 Hours,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 16 June 1919, p.1, col.1

“Oil Co. Organized and Well Will Be Drilled Near City,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 June 1919, p.1.

“Rotary Rig Arrives Next Week to Drill Well at Wixon Lake,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 25 June 1919, p.1.

Bryan, Texas, July 3 – Manager S.E. Hallam of the Brazos County Oil and Gas Company announces that the rig purchased a few days ago for the company and which will be used in drilling the first well, is looked for tonight or tomorrow. Work will begin as soon as preliminaries are completed. Dallas Morning News, 4 July 1919, p.9

Bryan, Texas, July 8 – Mr. Mills, of the South Texas oil fields has arrived in Bryan and will do the drilling for the Bryan Oil and Gas Company. The rig, casing and other machinery is expected to arrive and will be taken at once to the holdings of the company. Nearly all the lands in Brazos County have been leased in the past few months and other developments are expected to begin in the near future. Dallas Morning News, 9 July 1919, p.10

“Oil Rig is Here; Goes to Field at Once; Outlook A1,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 July 1919, p.1

“Wellborn Man Has Close to Million Bees in His Hives,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 8 August 1919, p.1. Tom Dyess.

“Saladiner Invents Cotton Spray That Knocks Out Insects,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 28 August 1919, p.4

“Marksman Brings to Earth With His Gun Big Belled Buzzard,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 8 October 1919, p.4.

“General Manager of Defunct Oil Outfit is Not Coming Back,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 10 October 1919, p.1

“Excessive Rains in County Cause Great Road Deterioration,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 28 October 1919, p.1

“Memorial Tree for Each of Forty-Six Men Killed in War,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 26 November 1919, p.1

“Tree Planting Day Will be Observed at A.& M. College,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 10 December 1919, p.6. Memorial trees.

“Tabor Oil Company will Begin Work on Test Well Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 13 December 1919, p.1.

“Memorial Trees for A.& M. Students May be Planted Feb.22,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 December 1919, p.5

Bryan, Texas, Dec.15 – The Tabor Oil Company of this place has been organized a successor to the Wixon Lake Oil and Gas Company, which was organized last summer. The old company purchased a drilling outfit, engine, boiler and other necessary machinery and got it all on the ground and set up and ready to run when the manager was called to his home in California by the illness of his wife. The new company proposes to begin where the old company left off and announces that drilling will begin Jan.1. The new company is capitalized at \$200,000, with the following officers: O.L. Tabor, president; A. Caesar Brown, secretary, and the following additional trustees were elected: J.H. Ranson, H.M. James, John M. Caldwell, Bryan; J. Shirley Cook, Vernon; R.S. Haussels, Long Beach, Cal., and J.H. Pitts, Wichita Falls. Dallas Morning News, 16 December 1919, p.14.

“Mounted Swan is Being Exhibited by Fred L. Cavitt,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 January 1920, p.1

“Colored Citizens Back Mosquito Campaign,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 16 February 1920, p.3, col.5.

“Beverly Thornton Gave to Eagle a Fine Melon,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 19 July 1920, p.3, col.4. He had planted many of the shade trees in Bryan.

During the rain Wednesday afternoon, Sam E. Freeman, who lives out by the Fin Feather club, lost one of the finest mules in the county by being killed by lightning. The mule was valued at \$300. Another mule was in the pasture near the one killed and it was knocked down, but soon recovered. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 5 August 1920, p.3, col.6

Bryan, Texas, Oct.12 – There are several fine beds of caolin in Brazos County and it has been attracting quite a lot of attention lately. Chemists are working on it now to ascertain its mineral values and one company is arranging to begin operations for mining the mineral in a few days. Several parties have been here from a distance to look at the beds. Dallas Morning News, 13 October 1920, p.2

Joe Heads, a colored man, killed a silver fox in a swamp on College Creek the other night. The fox is evidently a species of the Arctic regions, and had no doubt wandered a long way from home. The animal was a yellow gray color with black and white rings around its tail. The body was slender, about fifteen inches in length and the tail about the same length. Mr. J.C. Davidson of Harvey, who saw the animal, states that it is surely a specimen from the North, that has wandered in some way to this section. Bryan Daily Eagle, 4 December 1920, p.3, col.3.

Bryan, Texas, Dec. 10 – The well drilled on the plantation of J.S. Mooring in the Brazos bottom, this county, in search of oil, has reached a depth of 2,100 feet, and at this depth an unprecedented flow of hot water was struck. So strong is the pressure coming up through the eight-inch casing the flow is estimated to amount to 75,000,000 gallons a day. It is thought to be the hot water sands found at Marlin, though not so deep by 1,000 feet. Dallas Morning News, 11 December 1920, p.15

“Historic Tree on Courthouse Grounds to be Safeguarded,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 10 February 1921, p.3. Cedar tree originally from Boonville.

Bryan, Texas, April 19 – The Warren Oil Company, sinking a well on the Mooring plantation in the Brazos bottom, are still drilling. The well is now down more than 3,000 feet. The Two Rivers Oil Company recently organized here with an acreage lease-holding of more than 50,000 acres announces that drilling will begin May 1. Dallas Morning News, 20 April 1921, p.19.

“The A. & M. ‘Y’ Cabinet Entertains with Frog Hunt,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 21 April 1921, p.1

College Station, Texas, May 10 – A large temporary frame building housing about \$15,000 worth of farm machinery used in the instruction of agricultural students at the A. & M. College was destroyed and the machinery damaged to the extent of \$500 by a swift rainstorm that accompanied a heavy rain here yesterday afternoon at about 5 o’clock. The wind lifted the roof of about 9,000 square feet area and with it clinging in its original form with gables attached, raised it to a height of forty or fifty feet, passed it over the top of another building of about that height situated about 200 feet south and transported it a distance of another 1,000 feet, where it struck a brick building and was shattered. After the roof was lifted the walls of the structure collapsed and lumber and machinery wrecked together. Dallas Morning News, 11 May 1921, p.5

“Storm Demolishes Farm Machinery Building at College,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 12 May 1921, p.2

Bryan, Texas, June 1 – The Two Rivers Oil Company, a Brazos County corporation, has begun operations in exploring for oil in Brazos County and has started work on its first well. The Two Rivers has secured its charter, perfected organization and has leases on more than 50,000 acres in the county. The company took of the leases and drilling outfit of the Consolidated Oil Company, which began drilling a well on the Navasota River last summer but had to suspend operations for lack of funds. Their machinery, derrick, casing and everything else was on the ground. It has been overhauled and the Two Rivers will thoroughly test out the site selected. The company proposes to drill in different parts of the county until it is thoroughly demonstrated as to whether or not Brazos County is an oil field. Walter Solomon, an experience and successful driller, will superintend the drilling for the company. Dallas Morning News, 2 June 1921, p.13

Bryan, Texas, July 15 – R.E. Dansby, 15 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Dansby of this city, is the champion fisherman of this section. While fishing in the Navasota River a few days ago he hung a catfish that fought with such vigor the boy was pulled into the river and for a time it was doubtful as to who would win. Young Dansby was game himself, however, and the fish was finally landed. It weighed twenty-four pounds. Dallas Morning News, 16 July 1921, p.6.

“Who Said It Was Hot ? Thermometer Reaches 108 in the Shade,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 25 August 1921, p.4

Millican, Texas, Aug. 31 – During a thunderstorm Albert Flewelyn and wife, Negroes, were struck by lightning and killed here while coming from the field with a load of corn. Dallas Morning News, Sept.1, 1921, p.4

“Bryan Experiences a Cricket Plague,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 29 September 1921, p.2

Bryan, Texas, Sept.30 – Bryan, in common with many cities in Texas, has suffered a plague of large black crickets. They came in by tens of thousands and literally covered the streets and sidewalks. Hundreds made their way into every business house in the city and it is still almost impossible to walk without stepping on them. Dallas Morning News, 1 October 1921, p.9

“Lightning Causes Fire to Destroy Mr. Stalling’s Barn,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 October 1920, page 1. In Walker community

Bryan, Texas, Oct.18 – Drilling has been resumed on the Wixon Lake well, which is now down about 1,700 feet. A new boiler will be installed at once and the Two Rivers Oil Company, which is sinking the well, expects to go 4,000 feet if oil in paying quantities is not found sooner. Dallas Morning News, 19 October 1921, p.11

“Be World’s Largest Pecan Orchard,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 5 January 1922, p.1

College Station, Texas, Jan. 7 – Charles A. Felker, chief clerk, experiment station of the A.& M. College of Texas, has entered upon one of the greatest projects in the pecan industry in the state of Texas by purchasing 250 acres of the richest Brazos bottom land and setting the entire acreage out to pecan trees of the Bueede paper shell variety. The land is situated on the banks of the Brazos River, just a quarter of a mile above Jones’ bridge, and was purchased from Ertle Brothers of Bryan. It is all clear, cultivated land, which at one time grew a native pecan grove. Around the tract now are bearing native trees from twenty-five to fifty years of age. Mr. Felker purchased the land about two weeks ago, has already set out 2,000 trees and will set out 1,000 more within the next few days. Workmen are at present planting them as fast as they can be received from the nursery. Dallas Morning News, 8 January 1922, p.11

Bryan, Texas, Feb. 9 – Brazos County has organized a Forestry Association to make a demonstration on farms at city homes of tree planting, and the following general committee has been appointed: Miss Dora Wilson of the Bryan Reading Club, Mrs. J. Webb Howell of the Bryan Woman's Club, Mrs. S.C. Williams of the Parent-Teacher Association, City Manager E.E. McAdams, Representative Lee J. Rountree and County Agent C.L. Beason. It was agreed that a movement would be started at once to plant trees along the paved highway from College Station to Bryan, a distance of five miles, where the Bryan Country club and many of the finest residences in Brazos County are located. Major W.R. Cavitt was chairman of the meeting and C.L. Beason, secretary. Dallas Morning News, 10 February 1922, p.5

“Beautiful Trees in Bryan,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 27 April 1922, p.1. Two magnolia trees.

There is hanging out in front of Moehlman's meat market on Bryan Street a stuffed rattlesnake that measures 6 ½ feet long and has seven rattles and a button on the end. The snake was killed Tuesday by O.Z. Hall at his home on the Navasot River, about twelve miles from Bryan, the high waters having caused the snake to seek dry land, it is thought. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 11 May 1922, p.3, col.4. 6 ½ feet long.

“Dean Kyle Has Wonderful Peach and Pecan Orchard,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 29 June 1922, p.2.

Mrs. R.A. Harrison, who was a member of the camping party enjoying the week end at Hall's Lake in the northern part of Brazos County was bitten on the top of her foot by a rattle snake late yesterday afternoon, and was hurried in to the Bryan hospital last night for medical treatment. The bite is a severe one, and the foot and limb swollen badly as a result. The doctors tell her that it will be about 72 hours before the swelling subsides, and all danger is over. Mrs. Harrison's many friends regret to learn of this serious accident which brought to a close her pleasure on the camping trip, and hope she will soon be well again. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 13 July 1922, p.2, col.3

“Wonderful Sunflower,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 27 July 1922, p.2, col.6. 13 inches in diameter.

Sheriff L.E. Morehead has been notified by a number of citizens of Brazos County that hunters are slaughtering young quails and picking them and leaving the feathers along the roads and bringing the picked birds to town in their hunting bags. The dove open season went into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> and hunters are not satisfied with killing the little doves in their pin-feathers but they kill small quail in violation of the game laws. The quail season will not be open until December 1, 1922. Farmers have complained to Sheriff Morehead about this violation of the law and he states that a number of game wardens have been designated to report these violations. Not only that every citizen is authorized to report violations of the game laws to the sheriff's department and every citizen is asked to file these complaints with the authorities. In fact, Sheriff Morehead states that he has some evidence of some specific violations of the law and may get enough in a day

or two to make some arrests. In fact the laws governing the killing of doves should be amended until November at least, but there is no excuse in violating the quail law which does not take effect until December, and the young quail should and will be protected. Sheriff Morehead said, "Please warn all violators that they will be prosecuted under the game laws for violations." Bryan Weekly Eagle, 14 September 1922, p.2

Mr. J.D. Battle of Millican was here Saturday and called on the *Eagle*. Mr. Battle gives the details of quite a happy affair that occurred at Millican the other evening. A party of fishermen organized and went to the Navasot River on a fishing excursion, among whom were the following: H.B. Crawford, J. Walter Smith, C.E. Seeley, J.E. Corey, Byrd Corey, Ed. Dowling, R.W. Baker, W.G. Grada, S.H. Smith, J.T. Sawyer, W. McCullough, L.B. Black, Chas. Loops Sr. and Charles Loops of Houston, R.A. Pato and Will Sangster of Navasota, M. Wood and family, M.E. Fanning and family of Lubbock. Mr. Battle states that about 11 o'clock that night the fishing party returned to Millican with about 200 pounds of fish. The people were assembled on the Main street of Millican, many of them having retired for the night and a real fish fry was provided and a great feast served which was greatly enjoyed by the people of Millican. This fish fry was unique in the history of the town and the *Eagle* feels sure that when County Agent Beason, Secretary Eberstadt, Rev. Vivion and Prof. Kraft read this story they will be afraid to go to sleep for fear they will miss another fish fry. Col. Battle in speaking of the affair said while it was out of the ordinary he hoped to see it repeated again soon and promised the editor of the *Eagle* a midnight hurry call. And he will not call in vain. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 14 September 1922, p.4

"Possum Hunt Given by Young Baptists," Bryan Weekly Eagle, 16 November 1922, p.2

"Mr. Thompson Markets Honey Crop in Bryan," Bryan Weekly Eagle, 14 December 1922, p.2, col.5.

"Enjoy 'Possum Hunt,'" Bryan Weekly Eagle, 21 December 1922, p.2, col.5.