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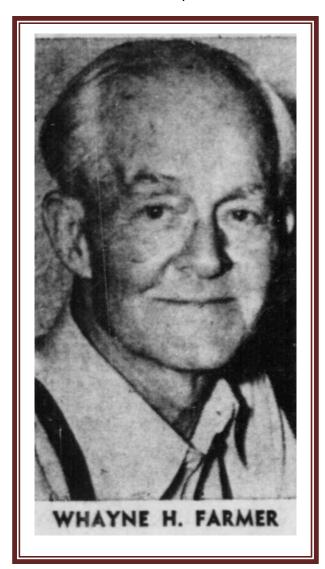
"Beautiful Waco- A Home and Garden Issue"

In 1926, the April-May edition of the Waco Chamber of Commerce's News Magazine contained a collection of photos of Waco scenes and homes entitled "Beautiful Waco-A Home and Garden Number." This wonderful edition featured the photographs of well-known Waco photographer Whayne Farmer, Jr. This edition of "Waco, Texas History in Pictures" features every page of the amazing 1926 magazine. It begins on page 3. This magazine is in our collection.



Waco Photographer Whayne H. Farmer

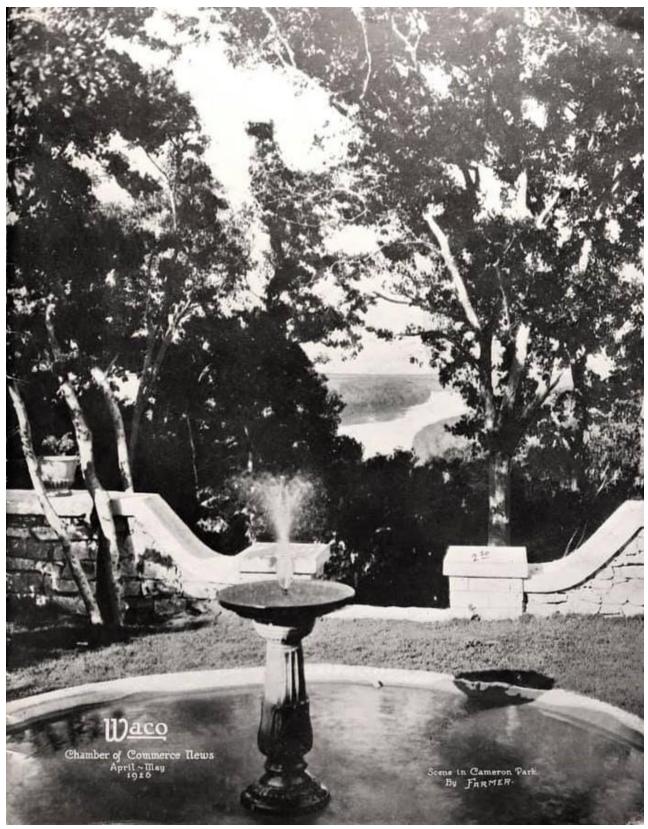
The photos in this April-May 1926 edition of "The Waco Chamber of Commerce News" were taken by Waco photographer Whayne H. Farmer. Mr. Farmer was born on August 8, 1887 in his family home at 2215 Washington Avenue in Waco, Texas. Not only was he born there, but he lived there and worked there all of his life with the exception of his time served overseas in World War I. His obituary tells us more. "When Whayne was 12 years old his father, Thomas



Francis Farmer, bought him his first camera, an Eastman box, and ever since then the name Whayne Farmer has meant photography in Waco. His house, where for most of his long period of activity he developed and printed his pictures, is stored with thousands of negatives, starting with the glass plates of half a century ago. They are arranged by years, but not otherwise indexed. Mr. Farmer kept all that in his head. He had a remarkable memory and could lay his hands on any negative he wanted. He was engaged in professional photography in Waco before World War I, and after that war, in which he served overseas with the engineers, he officed for awhile with J. C. Stauts, who had just opened up a photography shop here. Later he had his own dark room in the block on Austin Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets, then built a dark room at his home, and operated from For several years he specialized in portrait photography, was one of the first to use the then new "blurred focus" method; tinted many portraits, now among the prized possessions of Waco old timers. He did a great deal of newspaper photography. Of late years, he had devoted all of his time to commercial work. Mr. Farmer always worked alone, did his own developing and printing. In addition to

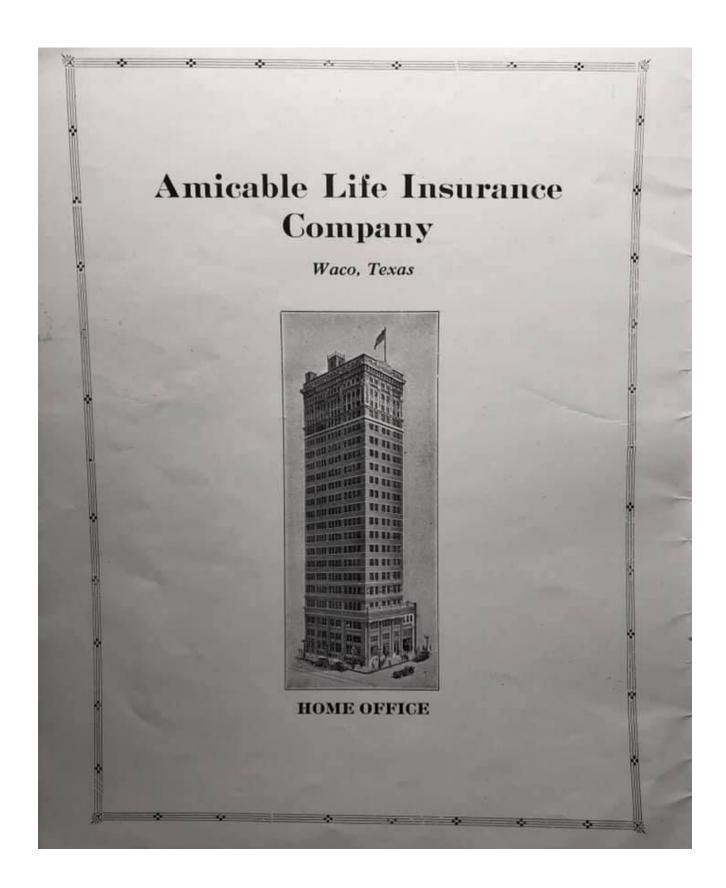
his photographic work, he made pastel pictures. He was a charter member of the Waco Photographic Society, and a member of Herring Lodge A. F. and A. M." He died at the age of 66 on March 26, 1954. He is buried in Waco Memorial Park. (From Mr. Farmer's obituary "Rites Monday for Veteran Cameraman." The Waco News Tribune, March 27, 1954.)

The entire April-May, 1926 edition of "The Waco Chamber of Commerce News" begins on the next page. Many of the addresses were identified by our group members, especially Elaine Richards Hellmund, but all were confirmed by the 1928 Waco Telephone Directory. Houses that are no longer standing are indicated by "*".



Cover of the April-May 1926 edition of "The Waco Chamber of Commerce News."

Scene in Cameron Park by Farmer.



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Beautiful Waco--A Home and Garden Number



LOVER'S LEAP Cameron Park

Therefore, when we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for present delight, nor for present use alone. Let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the albor and wrought substance of them, "See this our Fathers did for us."

—John Ruskin.

In the following pages we present a Portfolio of Beautiful Waco, her homes, her gardens and her Cameron Park.

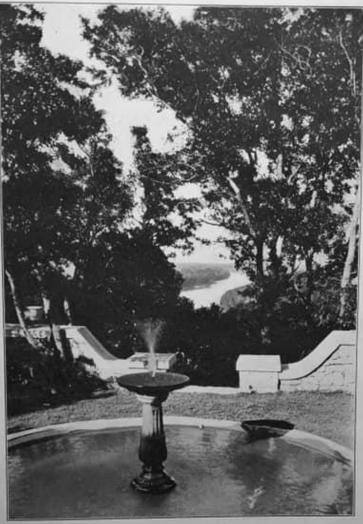
Our front cover is a beunty spot in Cameron Park overlooking the Brazos River.

Waco is proud of her beautiful homes, gardens and tree-lined streets and of Cameron Park where man has only aided nature a wee bit to make it one of the most beautiful natural parks in America—and so acknowledged by many world travelers. The following poem written by A. B. Owings of Norwood, Ohio, a visitor in Waco, shows a reflect spirit of Waco's hospitality.



Cameron Park

You're the heart of Texas, Waco,
A brilliant little gem,
And of all the Texas cities
I pick you over them.
Some are larger, it is true.
But it is nature's plan
That a man must be a boy before
He can become a man.
And so it is with cities, too,
A natural growth is best;
For a town that is a "boomer"
Not always stands the test.
The men you have are "he" men
And have "weight above the eyes."
And the business life of Waco
Will attest their enterprise.
And in my travels near and far,
On this and foreign shores,
I've met no women to compare
With the women that are yours.
I love their smiles and Dixic ways,
And the starlight in their eyes;
They make a stranger feel that he
Has stopped in Paradise.
Your churches, schools and modern hours
Speak well your civic pride.
And make for better government
A people satisfied.
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A people satisfied.
And have Riley's philesophy,
That "when it rains, then rain's my
choice,"
That means prosperity.
So I'm glad I've met you, Waco,
And though a stranger from afar,
I'll be a Booster for youYou're a star within a star.



Overlooking The Brazos River In Cameron Park

"TO RATHER LIVE IN TEXAS."

I'd rather live in Texas than in any other land
There is no other spot on earth so favored by God's hand
Twas there I learned that God is good from nature's open book
And love is everywhere in everything if we but look;
I love the air, I love the soil, I love the mellow breeze
I love the busy droning of the bees among the trees
I love the brilliant sunshine and its animating rays,
The eerie moonlight in the night calls forth the lovers' praise,
And, Oh, how I love the rolling hills the Valley and the plains,
The spacious fields of cotton, the fruits and other grains,
Combine to make a picture for a hungry heart to lave,
But hest of all I love the Texan, noble, free and brave,
Ills sincere, "Hewdy friend, my name is no and so, and yours?"
It puts you on good terms at once and confidence assures,
And they never say "Goodbye" in Texas when fixm to depart
It's "So long and hurry back," it flows right from the heart,
I've found that life is sweeter where folks try to understand
That's why I'd rather live in Texas than in any other land.

—Jamie Heron.

Wilson residence 600 Park Avenue; Duncan residence 3407 Austin Avenue Taylor residence 1705 North Fifth.



Residence Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Swift

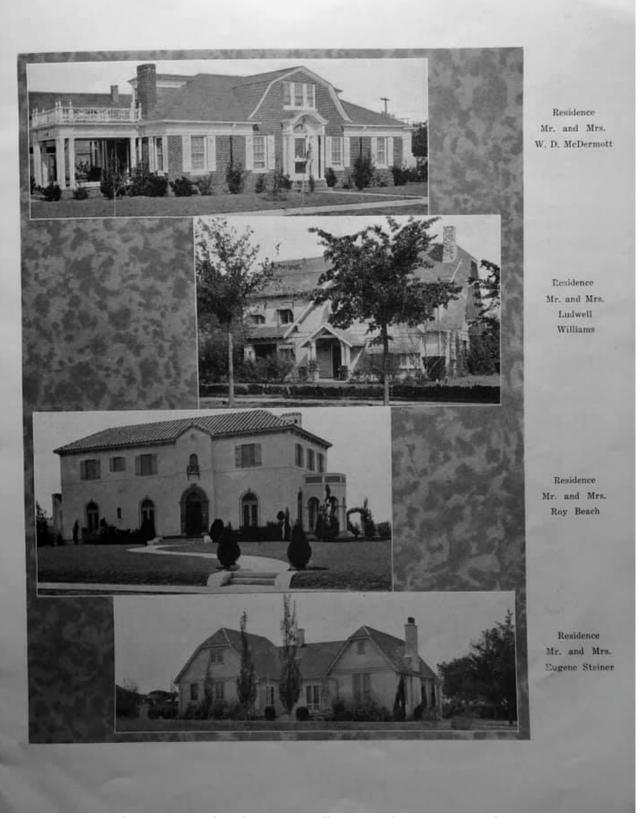
Residence Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Mailander

Residence Mr. and Mrs. Berry Bowen

Swift residence 2411 Austin Avenue; Mallander residence 2125 Austin Avenue*; Bowen residence 621 Herring Avenue*.



Abeel residence "The Castle" 3300 Austin Avenue; Crespi residence 2111 Austin Avenue.



McDermott residence 2128 Colcord Avenue; Williams residence 2020 Washington Avenue; Beach residence 3301 Austin Avenue; Steiner residence 2512 Austin Avenue.

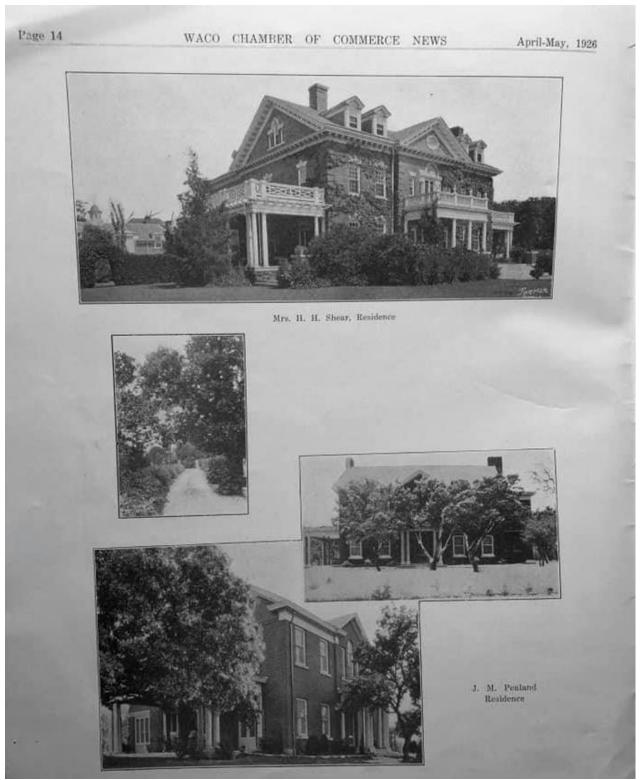


Top-Residence-Mrs. A. J. Dossett Lower-Residence-Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Nash

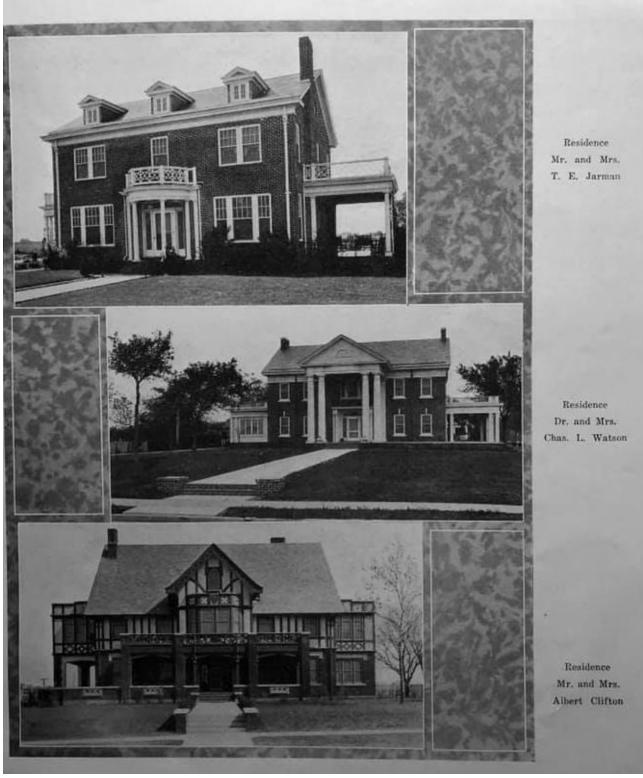
Dossett residence 1503 Columbus Avenue; We cannot confirm the address of the Nash residence, but we think it was 1829 Columbus*.



Milam residence 1401 Austin Avenue*; Bush residence 1421 Austin Avenue.



Shear residence 1401 Coumbus Avenue*; Penland residence 500 Park Avenue.

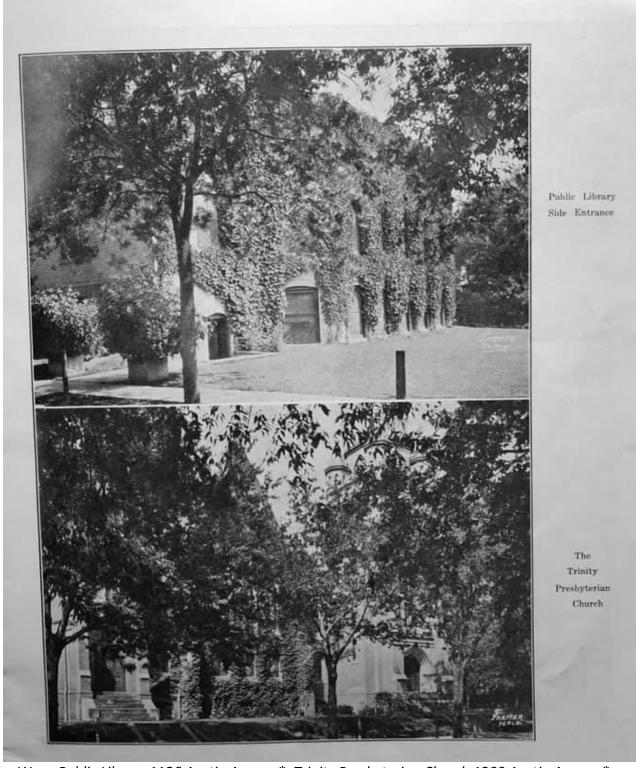


Jarman residence 3211 Austin Avenue; Watson residence 1801 Bosque Boulevard*; Clifton residence 2600 Austin Avenue.

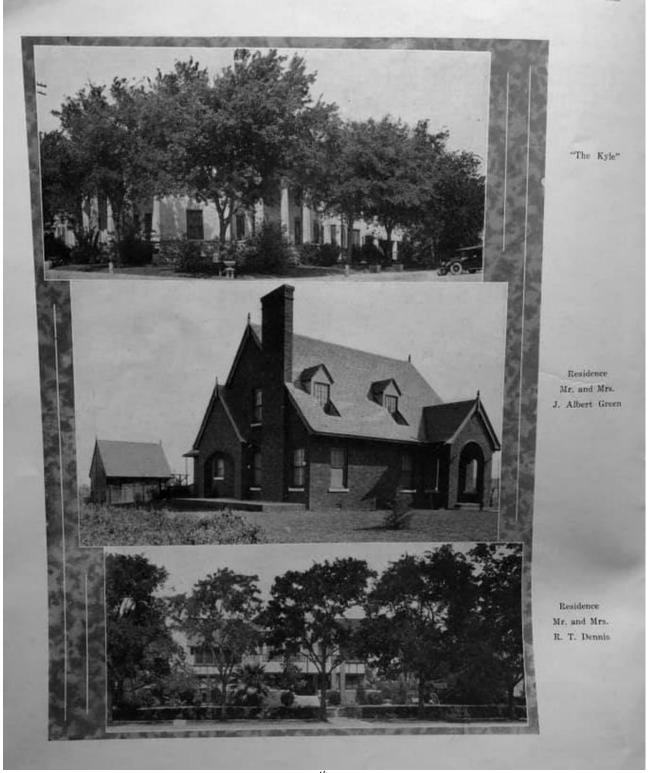
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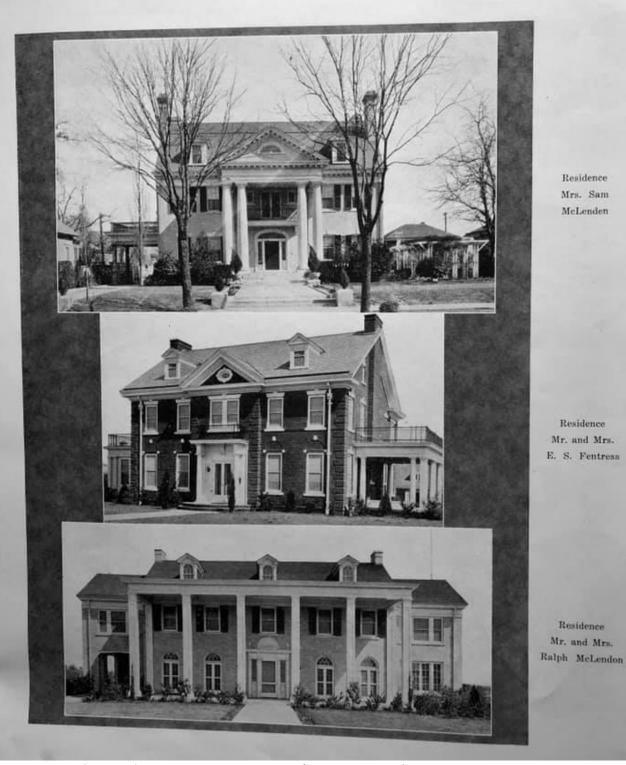
Neff residence 2110 Austin Avenue*; Barclay residence 2412 Colcord Avenue; Lockwood residence 3205 Austin Avenue.



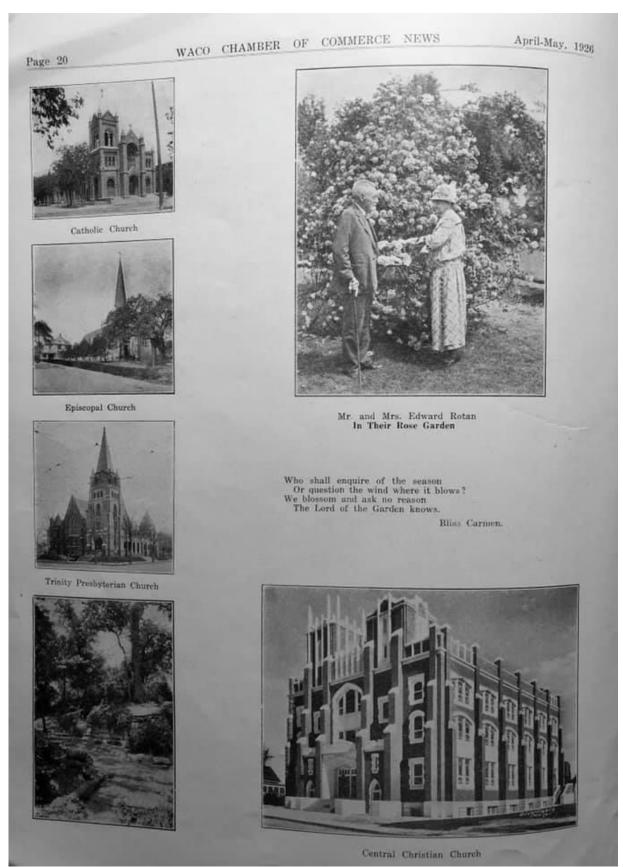
Waco Public Library 1126 Austin Avenue*; Trinity Presbyterian Church 1200 Austin Avenue*.



The Kyle Hotel 11th and Franklin*; Greene residence 2928 Maple (note that the correct spelling is "Greene"); Dennis residence 1923 Austin Avenue*.



McLenden residence 1810 Austin Avenue*; Fentress residence 2724 Austin Avenue; McLenden residence 2920 Austin Avenue.



Counter clockwise: Church of the Assumption Ninth and Washington*; St. Paul's Episcopal Church300 North Fifth; Trinity Presbyterian Church 1200 Austin Avenue*; Scene from Cameron Park; Central Christian Church Eleventh and Washington; Rotan residence 2425 Austin Avenue.



Garden Scene



Austin Avenue Methodist Church



Dining Room Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Clement





Cameron Park

Palm Court

Clement residence 2900 Bosque; Palm Court 2001-2005 Austin Avenue; Waco Auditorium Sixth and Columbus*; Austin Avenue Methodist Church 13th and Austin.



Residence Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barrett

Residence Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Albaugh

Residence Mrs. Charlotte Hoehn and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Hoehn

Barrett residence 2208 Austin Avenue*; Albaugh residence 2201 Colcord Avenue; Hoehn residence 2715 Austin Avenue.



J. ALBERT GREENE

Elected President of Chamber of Commerce

"I am glad to accept the presidency of the Waco Chamber of Commerce and will do everything in my power as president to accomplish great things for Waco during the coming year. This is a great democratic body and I hope that I can have the coorporation of the directors in accomplishing the big things which have already been proposed and in proposing new big things and seeing them through."

J. Albert Greene

J. Albert Greene was elected President of the Waco Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the new board of Directors May 18, 1926. Mr. Greene succeeded C. F. Dumas as President and in taking the chair expressed his thanks and appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him by the directorate.

J. Albert Greene is Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager of the Geyser Ice Company and has been closely connected with civic enterprises in Waco. He is at present President of the Waco Boating and Fishing Club. Mr. Greene has in the past been President of the Lions Club and President of the Southwestern Ice Manufacturers' Association, and is an active member of the Executive Committee of the Association. He was President of the Ad Club in its re-organization during 1919 and is a member of the Waco Rotary Club; a member of Spring Lake Country Club. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Greene moved into their beautiful new residence at 2829 Maple Avenue.

Mr. Greene was born in Brooklyn, New York, May 25, 1880. He was educated in Boston Mass. In 1903 Mr. Greene went to St. Louis, Missouri, to accept a position with the Bell Telephone Company of Missouri. In 1910 he became identified with the Busch interests in the capacity of Supervisor of Ice Plants Properties and was placed in charge of the Geyser Ice Company of Waco in November, 1918.

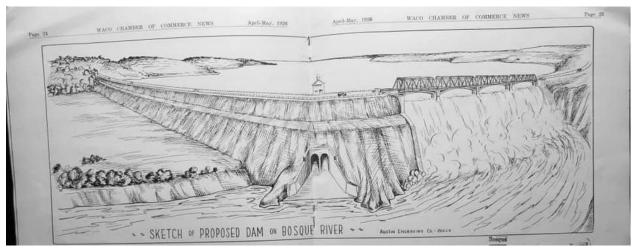
Mr. Greene is one of Waco's most progressive citizens and has become identified with a number of business organizations and always shows interest in civic affairs by joining in and helping in every way possible. The membership of the Waco Chamber of Commerce are very much pleased in the selection made by the Directors, and all feel that under Mr Greene's leadership many good things will be done for Waco under his direction of the Waco Chamber of Commerce.

W. N. MINER

Secretary Chamber of Commerce

W. N. Miner, Secretary of the Waco Chamber of Commerce was born in 1888 in South Dakota. At an early age his parents Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Miner moved to Iowa W. N. was educated in the public schools and at the University of Iowa. In 1911 Mr. Miner Came to Texas. Mr. Miner married Miss Nell McDonald of Houston and in 1913 came to Waco. He was at one time President of the Y. M. B. L. and later Secretary, and became Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce when the Y. M. B. L. and Chamber of Commerce consolidated. Mr. and Mrs. Miner reside at 2121 Barnard Street.





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WACO'S WATER SUPPLY,

The water supply of Warn up to the present time has been from Artesian wells, shallow wells in East. Warn, and from the Brame River. At one time several power ago is small quantity was obtained from york previous under the City.

Artesian water has probably been the best quality of water, but the couply has proved to be limited. The Branes Elver party is collected in quantity stough in periods when the Branes Elver has a very small flow. The quality of the Branes Elver at classes when the river is less in very poor, having large quantities of salt or polices chiartie in solution.

In an organical report recently extended to the City Water Board on an improved water supply, in spetigations were made as to feasibility of terrossing the supply from each of these sources. The prinrical findings of this report is approximately as follows:

1. Benass River Water.

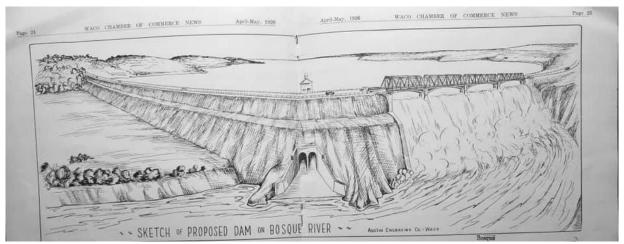
The flow of the Branos River is found inadequate and very salty at certain periods. To continue the use of the Branos River water, some kind of storage would have to be resorted to. Since in the early stages of this investigation choiced conclusively that much shouper storage and better water could be had on the Branos River was abandoned as a source of future water.

2. Shallow Wells in East Waco.

The records show that water from the East Warn wells during the period they formerly operated, was as undesirable as the Branes River water and that the supply practically failed in 1914, therefore, these wells tained be excurrented as a source of permanent supply.

2. Rock Water.

Mock water was tried in 1897, being obtained from



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rock erevices under the City, of which part of the source undeabledly comes from the sorface and makes it subject to pollution. This source proved to be entirely inadequate at that time and it cannot be expected to supply a city the size of Waco at this time. The flow varies greatly with the seasons.

4. Ariesian Water.

Artesian wells have been the best source of supply available for Waro to the present time except for the limited amount. The engineery in their investigation have madized the data obtained from the records of these wells since 1965.

These records above that the supply is steadily detreating, and that the water some to come from underground storage, which, at most places, has a limited inflow. The remode clearly inducts that the water is being drawn out faster than it is flowing in, and, while a certain amount of this mater may be available indefinitely, it cannot be recommended as a source of increased supply. Bosque River Water-

The investigations above that the Line River water is of good quality and sciences storage for the City of Wace for many years to come can be had at a reasonable cost. A study was made of the entire area for manifel storage sites, and estimates of cast, and the amount of water available have been made of seven eites.

A study of the heal conditions and estimates aboved two of these aims to be more promising than the others and a detailed survey and borings were made at those two sites. Round Book and Cameron. Indications are that my upusual establisms would be exquisitored at either of these altes to endanger the safety or unduly increase the cost. Such of these altes has exclude advantages that the other does not have, and a final astertion will be based on a store detailed reventigation and plans, after the approximate cost of the lands in the loaders has been determined.

FACTS ABOUT



CITY OF WACO

(Figures and Estimates as of December 31, 1925)

Population, 60,000 (Estimate) Within a radius of 150 miles are 57% of entire population

Population, 60,000 (Estimate)
Within a radius of 150 miles are 57% of entire
of the state.
Area, 7040 Acres.
Altitude, 412 to 500 feet.
Average Annual Rainfall, 36,22.
Mean Annual Temperature, 69 degrees.
Death rate, 16 to 1000 per year.
Property valuation (75% Basis), 858,025,250,00.
Tax rate, 82,29.
Fire Insurance Key rate, 16c.
City Manager Form of Government.
Combined Bank Deposits, \$17,228,085,39.
Combined Bank Savings, \$5,418,746,22.
Bank Clearings, \$128,903,194,46.
Postal Receipts, \$483,012,27.
Building Permits, \$1,87,226,00.
Number of Dwellings, 11,500 (Estimated).
Number of Parks, 11.
Cameron Park, 500 Acres.
Number of Railroads, 7.
Number of Rail Outlets, 11.
Number of Passenger Trains Dally, 58.
Number of Passenger Trains Dally, 58.
Number of Package Cars loaded daily, 69.
Number of Pupils enrolled, 10,903.

Home of Baylor University.

Enrollment at Baylor University, 1,537.

Waco is the nearest city to the geographical center of the

State. Waco is the nearest city to the center of population of the

State.

Waco is in the center of the agricultural section of the State, Within a radius of 100 miles of the city of Waco is produced approximately one-third of the cotton crop of the entire State.

Waco's central location and excellent railroad facilities make it an ideal wholesale and jobbing center.

Waco's central location, railroad facilities, ample and dependable supply of electric current and natural gas, favorable labor conditions and natural resources make WACO attractive for the location of industries.

Number of Telephones, 10,389.

for the location of industries.

Number of Telephones, 10,389.

Miles of paved streets in city, 174,05

Number of gas meters, 9,303.

Number of electric light meters, 10,360.

Number of water meters, 10,500.

Miles of sanitary sewerage, 96.79.

Miles of water main, 121,81.

Municipally owned water works.

Total Building Permits last five years \$8,875,089.00, an increase in previous five years of 164.

Number of churches, 69.

Number of hospitals, 3.

Texas Cotton Palace Exposition, October 23,—November7, 1926.

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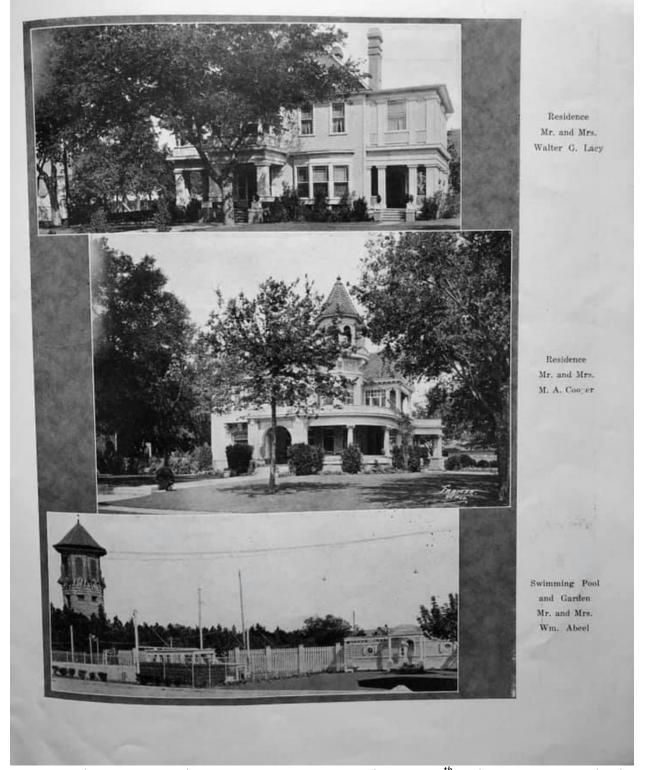
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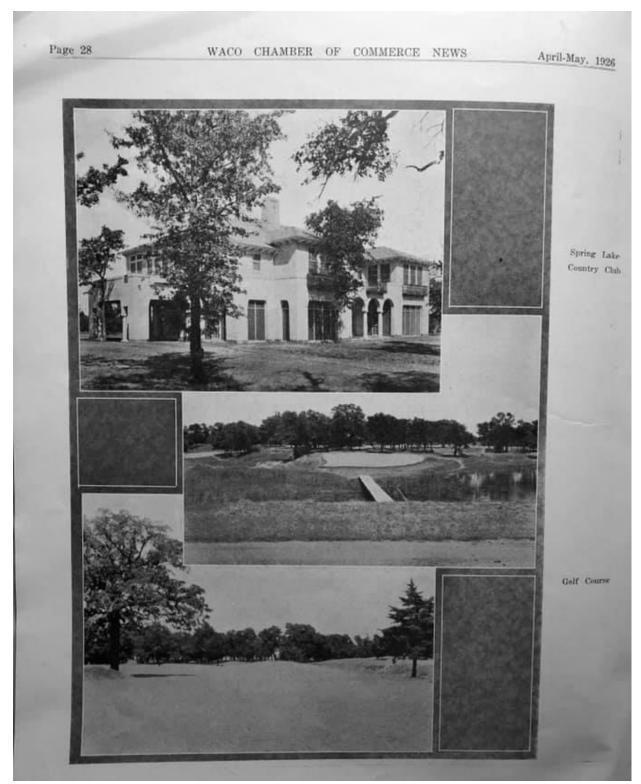
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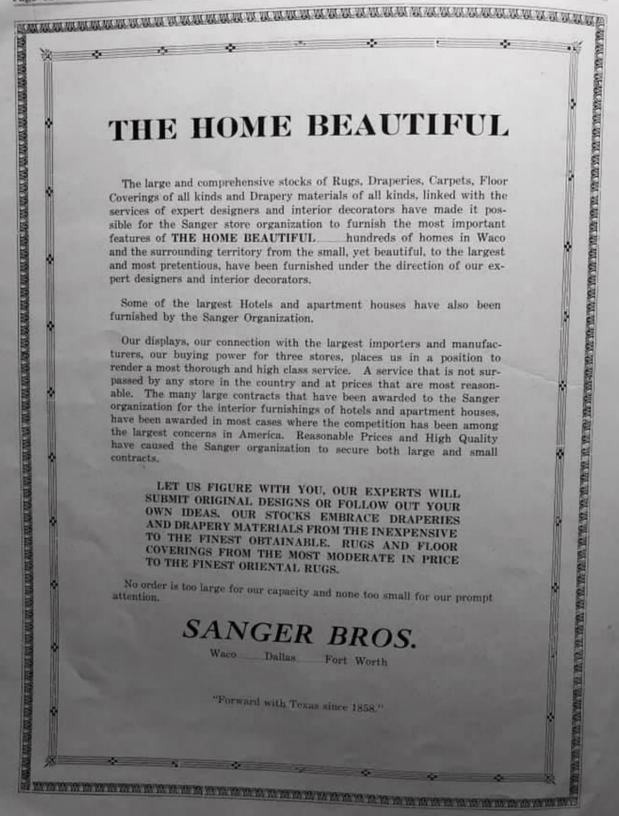
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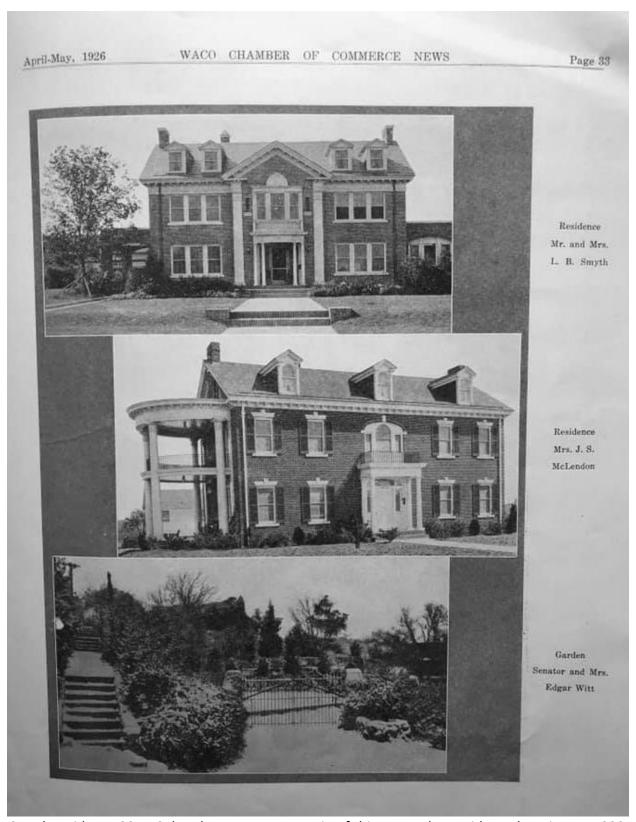


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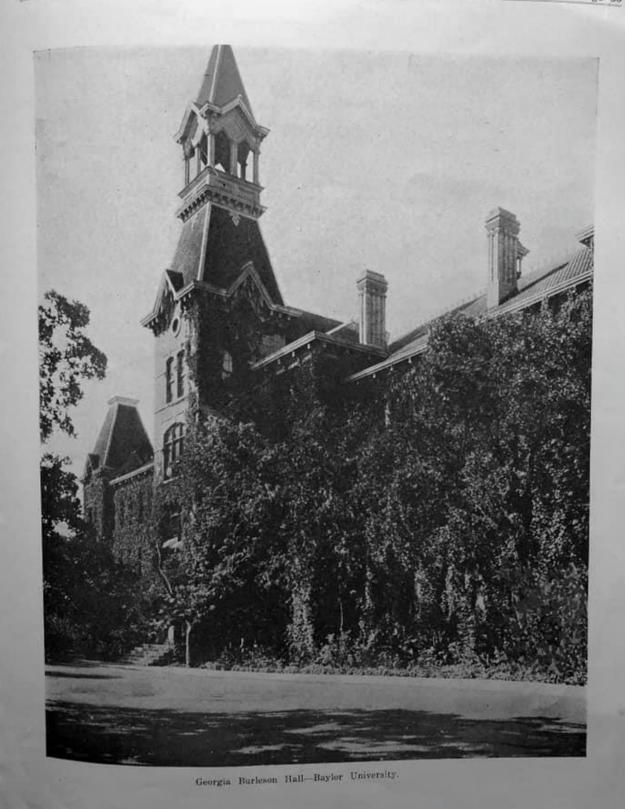




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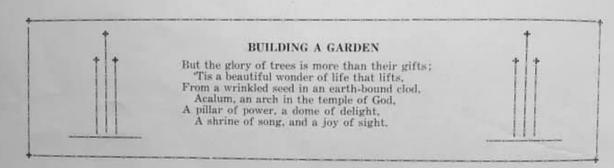


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Near the pond the frogs begin;
When Nature's orchestra tunes up,
It's nice to be listening in.

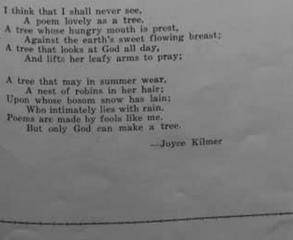
The neighbor's radio's busy,
A freight train roars along,
The ball game ends with cheering,
Main Street's one buzzing throng;
Dance halls blare out their jazzing,
An ambulance adds its din;
When life has such loud heart-beats,
It's great to be listening in.

But by midnight all noise lessens;
At last, not a sound or word;
A lovely hush enfolds us
For the stars are seen, not heard.
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The powers of silence win;
And it's when I hear the stillness,
That I'm glad to be listening in.





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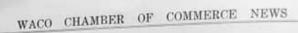


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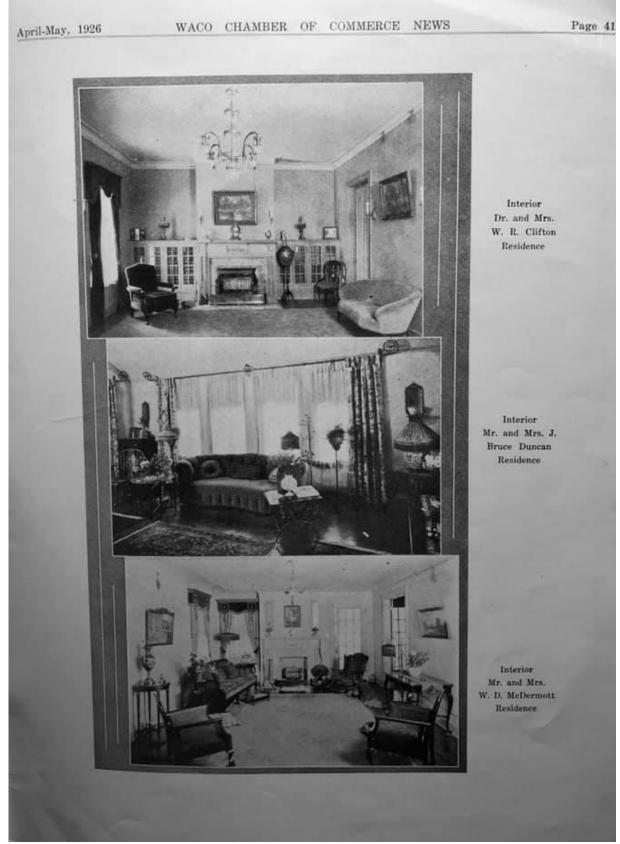


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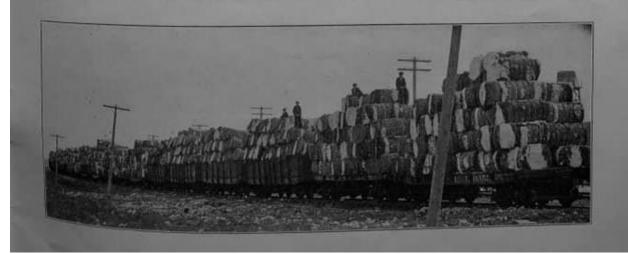
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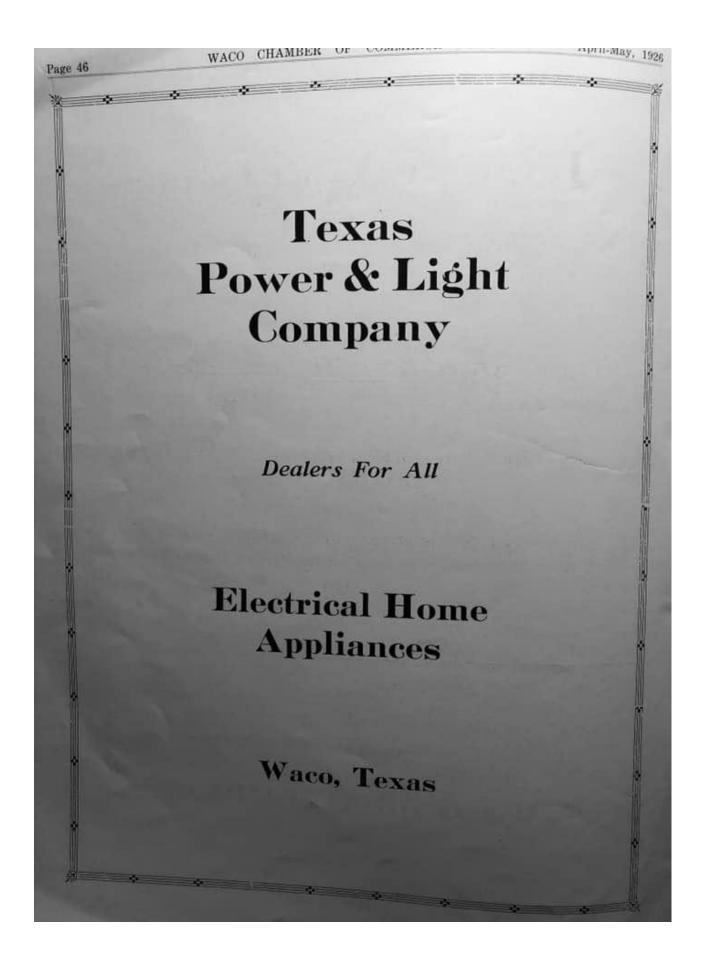
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