

1930s

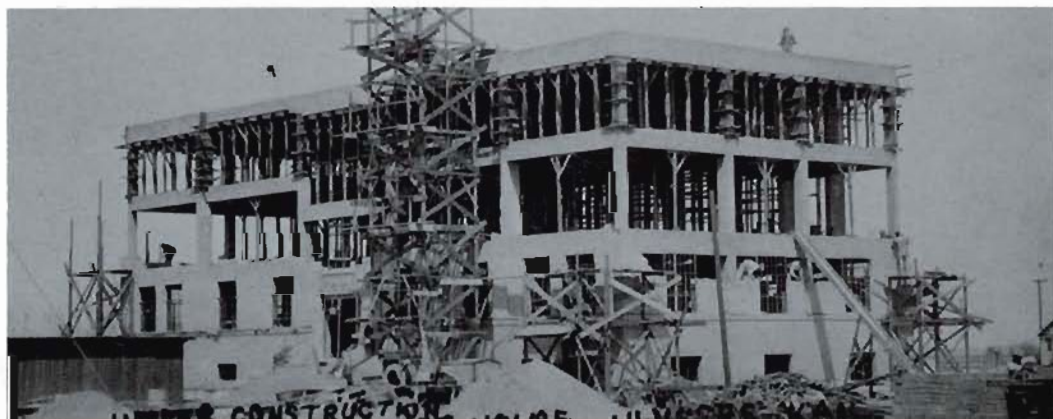
BRICK BUILDINGS, GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, DROUGHT, BLACK ROLLERS, CONSERVATION, AUTOMATION & INDUSTRY



ULYSSES IN 1930, taken from the top of Sullivan elevator.



THE STATELY RALSAMORE HOTEL built in 1930, was the center of many activities for several decades.



NEW COURTHOUSE under construction, another W. P. A. project.



MAIN STREET ABOUT 1933.



NEW GRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1930



GRAVELING MAIN STREET in the 1930's, when everyone pitched in to help.



1930'S SOUTH MAIN, with equipment ready to begin street improvements.



1930'S, INTERSECTION AT GRANT AND MAIN, looking north. The Christian Church is the last building to the north.



LOCAL FARMERS AND BUSINESSMEN wait to fill their oil barrels from the Santa Fe tank cars.



NEW GRANT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AND GYM, one of several W. P. A. projects built during the 1930's.



MANUAL TRAINING CLASS, 1935. Roy Gish is the instructor.



HIGH SCHOOL TYPING CLASS, 1935.



1935, HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA in the first gymnasium located in the lower level of the old high school.



GRANT COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM, 1933. Back row: Jean Evans, Pauline Dugan, Grace Ansel, Allene Truesdale, coach; Mary Christian, Earlene Williams. Front: Lucille Kepley, Donella Peterson, Hazel Cravens and Mary Ellen Sullivan.



1935 GRANT COUNTY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM.



GRANT COUNTY TIGERS AT THE PRACTICE FIELD, located west of the tennis courts at the high school, in the 30's.



GCRHS BASKETBALL, 1936. From left: David Sullivan, Andrew Baker, Bob Hickok, Forrest Walker, Martin White, Marshall Brewer, Jim Connell, principal, Bennie Gay, Harry Joyce, Merle Kepley and Tom Joyce.



ROY GISH, COACH, AND HIS 1939 HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM.



UNDEFEATED 1939 FOOTBALL TEAM. Back row from left: C. L. Zink, principal, Junior Trafton, Dell Wesley, Lloyd Hampton, John King, Howard Tarbet, Russell Binney, Robert Moore, Roy Gish, coach. Front Row: Dale Williams, Vernon Teeter, Clarence Hawes, Arthur Williams, Glen Dew, Eugene Lozar, Wayne Gumm, Aubrey Gregory, Talmadge Brown.



POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL GAME, in front of grandstand west of town.



RYTHM BAND - 1930'S.



GRADE SCHOOL OPERETTA, "Crocodile Island", 1936.



STUDENTS AT THE ULYSSES GRADE SCHOOL wind the Maypole during the May Day Program in the 1930's. Virginia Lyle is the May Queen.



JOINT DISTRICT 41, SOUTH SCHOOL, 1930. Back row: Teacher, Nola McGilivray; Glen Grubbs, Louise Grubbs, Ruth Oliver and Lloyd Grubbs in front.



DISTRICT 15, 1939. From left: Betty Seemann, Roberta Bruce, Annabell Bruce, Sy Hileman, Avis Seeman and Ada Bruce, the teacher.



PLEASANT VALLEY, DISTRICT 19, 1930. Lora Layton, teacher. Top row: Harold Basler, Dallas Isley, John Barnes, and Leora Layton. Middle row: Oscar Barnes, Gene Isley, Fred Basler. Bottom row: Herscel Basler, Phillip Moyer, Dewight Pope, ? Pope, Moyer boy.



GOLDEN SCHOOL, DISTRICT 6, 1938. Back row: Milton Fischer, Marion "Bud" Hennigh, Merle Tuttle, Mae Alexander, Fern Tuttle. Middle row: John Alexander, Dave Weschler, Danny Fischer, Sam Alexander, Mary Adeline Wiebe. Front Row: Garold Jarvis, Donna Jarvis, Glenn Tuttle, Boyd Alexander.



WORKING THE PRAIRIE FOR WHEAT, Jno. W. Alford farm, 1930. Lower photo shows field service wagon at the Alford farm, with John Dixon filling gas can.



ULYSSES CHURCH OF GOD, April 14, 1935, as the black clouds roll in from the northeast.



UNION CHURCH AND THE METHODIST CHURCH in the 30's as the dust moves in.



ULYSSES STREET SCENES, as the black rollers move in during the 30's.



THE DUST STORMS OF THE 30's proved devastating to the farm economy.



DUST STORM SOUTHWEST OF GRANT COUNTY, 1935.



TYPICAL -LOOKING FARMSTEAD during the "Dirty Thirties," with dust clouds rolling in.



DESOLATE AND DESERTED, 1938. Dust storms caused many residents to leave.



1930'S, AS THE DUST ROLLS INTO HICKOK.



SAME LOCATION a few seconds later as dust envelopes the town.



HICKOK CAFE, 1930'S.



BLACKSMITH SHOP built by Joe Garver and his children. 1930's.



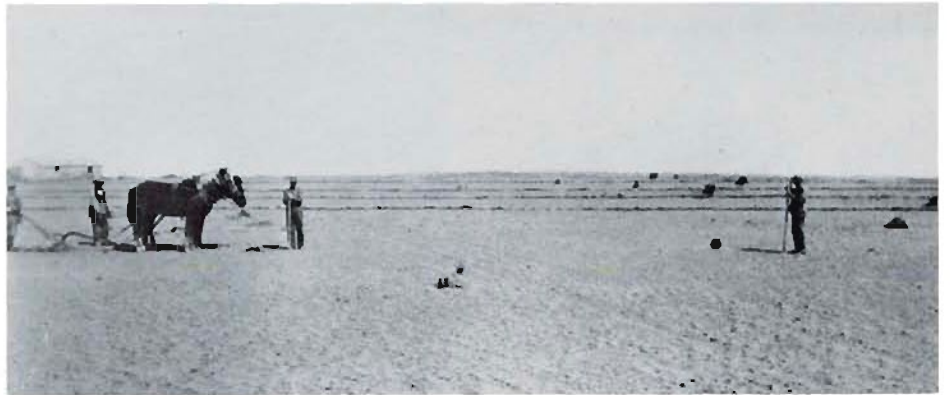
BIRDSEYE VIEW OF HICKOK, 1931.



HICKOK SCHOOL, DISTRICT 1, 1934.



FIRST COUNTY AGENT, Ed Taylor, 1932.



SURVEYING FOR CONTOUR, H. E. Matthew's pasture, 1936.



SPRAYING BINDWEED on the C. F. Patterson farm, 1932.



BUILDING TERRACES, Hagerman farm, 1935.



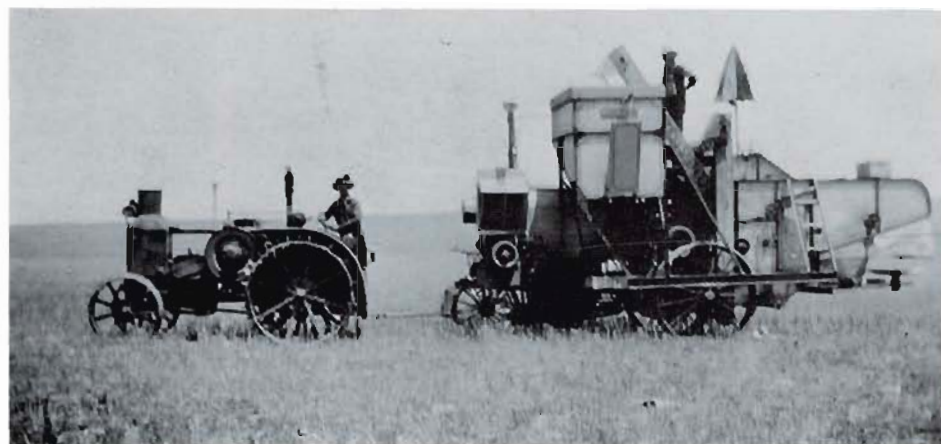
LISTING LAND ON CONTOUR, J. E. Barber, 1936.



AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM (ACP) CLERKS soon after the government payments started, 1933. From left: Elmer Tarbet, Cleo Titus, Marie Hargadine, Lois Stone, Donella Purcell, Paul Thomas, Rowena Geyer, seated.



EARL STEEN HARVEST CREW IN THE LATE 30'S. From left: Unidentified, Art Howard, Raymond Howard, John Airhart, Grady Bousser, Unidentified, Lawrence Steen, Edward Jinks, Earl Steen, Bus Leierer, Mont Hilleary, Pete Smith and Ernest Yohn.



CLAUDE PEARCE CUTTING WHEAT and pulling Red River combine with Rumley tractor, 1935.



1937, ARLIN LIMPER watching as hired men bind feed.



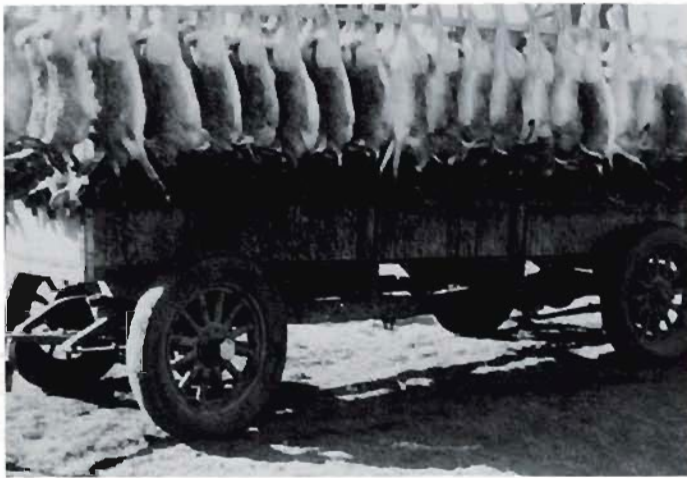
MACHINERY SHOW, SPRING 1936.



WHEAT TRUCKS waiting at Sullivan's new elevator, 1930.



RURAL HOME OF THE LEONARD THOMPSON FAMILY. Leonard, Kathryn, Iyla Lee and Karen.



RESULTS OF A 1938 RABBIT DRIVE.



CLAUDE PEARCE AND LEO MILBURN with coyote hides, about 1938.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON RABBIT DRIVE. What the drought didn't get, the rabbits did.



JESSE FORD FARM.. Chickens were an important part of the farm economy. Jesse Ford and son Zeke are shown.



HELEN MAXWELL, first Poor Commissioner, later called Welfare Director. 1937.



THE MATTRESS FACTORY, another government project in the mid 30's provided the materials and the people in Grant County furnished the labor.



HIGH SCHOOL GYM UNDER CONSTRUCTION, built with W. P. A. funds.



RED CROSS NURSES that worked with the emergency dust hospital. The emergency center was housed in the Methodist Church in the 30's.



ADOBE COUNTY SHOP BUILDING, built with W.P.A. labor, Lee King was the contractor.



WPA WORKERS, 1933, from left: Loren Dimmitt, C. Y. Wheeler, Unidentified, Elmer Kellhoffer, Oscar Brewer, John Hill, Carl Dimmitt and Claude Gorman.



PHOTO SHOWS SINCLAIR BULK STATION in the background. Notice Highway 160 turns east and south of the railroad tracks.



1930'S, MOBIL GAS STATION located at the corner of Main and Kansas.



WHITE EAGLE STATION at corner of Main and Santa Fe, managed by "Doc" Roseberry. September, 1935.



GOLDEN RULE FILLING STATION, corner of Main and Central. Earl Geyer, proprietor in 1930.



MONSON BROTHERS GARAGE AND STATION, with day and night storage and service, formerly Kepley Brothers Garage.



INTERIOR OF BINNEY STORE, 1930. From left: Mr. Binney, Elmer Kellhofer, Mable Kinsman, Charlie Pitcock and Charlie LaFever.



BULK CHRISTMAS CANDY DISPLAY, Hari's Grocery, December, 1939.



COFFEE DRINKERS AT TOT'S CAFE, in the Mahan building, Spring, 1937.



CHESTERMAN'S CAFE, located on Main Street, 1930's.



PARTS DEPARTMENT AND GARAGE at Phifer Motors, September, 1931.



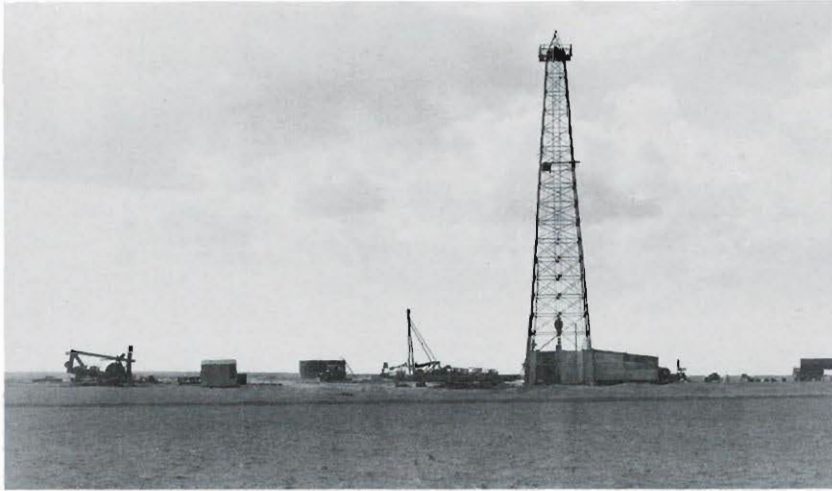
SPRING 1935, construction on the (early) Cimarron River Bridge.



PILE DRIVER on the Cimarron River Bridge, 1935.



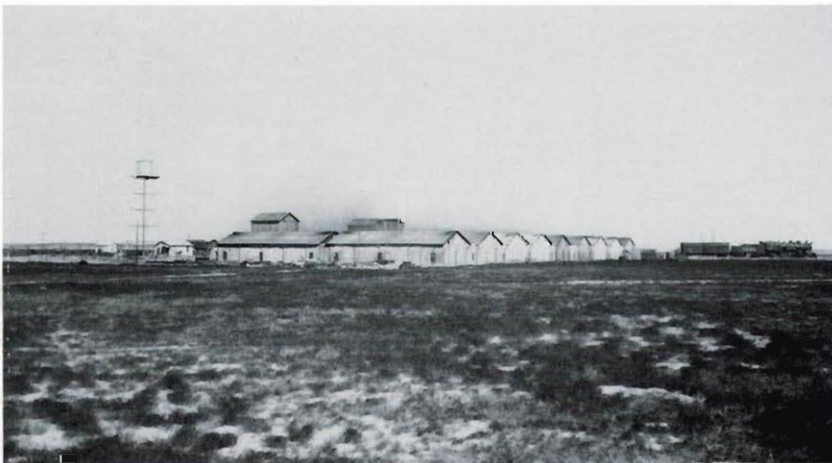
KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL investigates a Grant County accident in 1938.



SULLIVAN NO. 1 GAS WELL, first in Grant County, 1930.



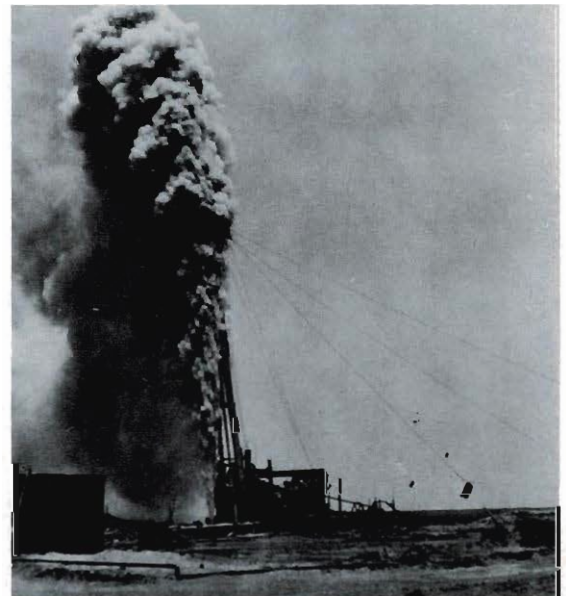
1937. THE PEERLESS CARBON BLACK PLANT, located west of Hickik, became the county's first gas related industry. Howard Johnson, superintendent and J. R. Livingston, chemists, lived in the two plant houses.



PEERLESS CARBON BLACK PLANT, roller plant, with coal fired locomotive in background.



JONES AND SPICER, INC. drilled the first gas well in Grant County on Sullivan land in 1936. The truck driver is unidentified.



R. K. WILSON WELL. Sledd #1 shot with 540 quarts of Nitro Glycerine. October 11, 1937.



SEPTEMBER 29, 1935, Baptist Church, fifth Sunday Meeting.



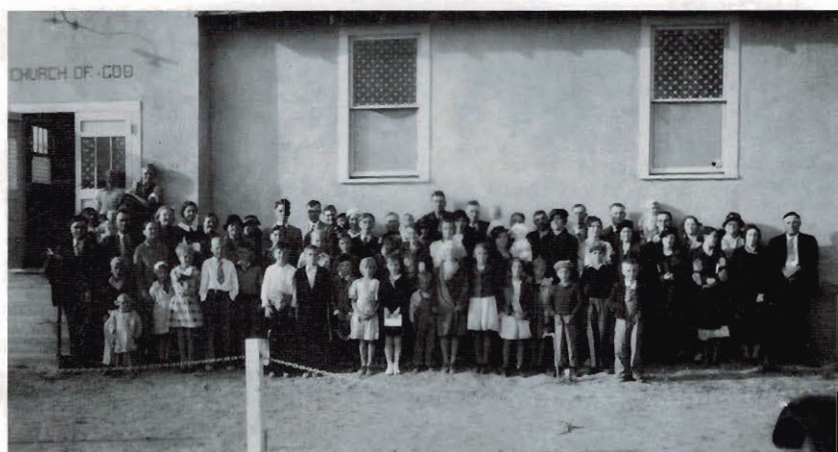
CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
weiner roast at Sullivan Dam, 1931.



METHODIST CHURCH AND PARSONAGE,
1933.



PLEASANT POINT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10 miles north of Ulysses, summer
of 1934.



OCTOBER 1935, CHURCH OF GOD, ULYSSES.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL,
NOVEMBER 1937.



H. D. UNIT IN FRONT OF METHODIST CHURCH.



KANSAS GOVERNOR LANDON, speaking at Methodist Church, 1931.



TOM THUMB WEDDING, 1935. Play School production at the Methodist Church. Note: During the 30's and 40's the Methodist Church building was used by the community for many purposes.



DRESS UP DAY FOR WESTERN PRAIRIE CLUB in 1935. Standing: Martha Murphy, Mabel Wesley, Ethel Ratliff, Nancy Alexander, Mabel Lyle, Iowa Alford, Eva Roseberry, Marie Daugherty, Buckle Terrill, India Maxwell. Front row: Louise McCall, Mamie Moosdorf, Lillian Miller, Lilah Stubbs and Deane Hart.



WOMEN'S BASEBALL TEAM, RYUS COMMUNITY, 1930'S. From left: Laura Hickman, Agnes Hickman, Ina Hickman, Tootsie Black, Katie Bryant, Marie Ungles, Mildred Trafton, Golden Hayden, and Mrs. Lockwood.



MEMBERS OF THE S.E.G. CLUB at the home of Nora Christian, March 1938. Back row: Everett, Wayne & Kenneth Christian, Doris Christian, Grace Edna Clymer, Doris Teeter, Edith Santala, Nora Christian, Edna Hawes, Alice King. Second row: Evah Vanderwork, Carrie Lucas, Mary Teeter, Lena Anthony, Leona Vanderwork and Effie Clymer. Front row: Mary Brewer, Eva Stuart, Maia Haddican, Winnie Deyoe, and Georgia Taylor. Children: Marjorie King, Eula Brewer, Unidentified, Darlene and Gloria Anthony, and Unidentified.



ULYSSES LADIES BASEBALL TEAM, 1935.



HICKOK COMMUNITY BASEBALL TEAM, EARLY 30'S. From left: Myrtle Kennedy, Della Rixon, Verda Troutman, Cora Hawes, Bertha Johnson, Gertie Garver, Anna Brown, Unidentified and Peggy Brown.



BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR HENRY PHILLIPS in his room at the Ralsamore Hotel in 1930. Guests present, from left: Royal Gray, Dr. George Coffey, Henry Phillips, Jack Kyle and Roy Gish.



WEDDING PARTY, NOVEMBER 4, 1931. From left: Grandfather John Willis, Groom Haskell Pearsall, Bride Anna Belle Willis, Grandmother Willis, sisters of the groom Maybell and Loleta Pearsall. The couple was married on the anniversary of the grandmother and grandfather, who served as best man and matron of honor.



CAMP FIRE GIRLS, 1932. From left: Gayle Galloway, Karmen Corley, Nancy Terrill, Clare Jane Terrill, Lois Cranston, Venita Willis, Marion Stubbs, Vernie Walker, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Ruth Binney, Kathryn McGillivray, Lucille Kepley, and Peggy Jarvis.



STUDENTS OF MARGRET MESSERSMITH present their recital in the 30's. From left: standing Fred Hagerman, Mrs. Messersmith. Seated: Grace Livesay, Sally Oliver, Majorie Caldwell, Fran Lahey, Anne Livesay and Fern Lahey.



VIRGINIA, BOBBY AND BILLY LYLE with fish caught at Sullivan's dam, 1935.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 1934, back row: Joe Jungferman, Bobby Lyle, Dell Wesley, Host Jack Carter. Center row: John Wesley, Jerry L. Sullivan, Bobby Hurt, Arthur Clothier, Dean Carter, Arlene Kiistner, Betty Clothier. Front row: Jimmie Connell, Bobby Ramsey, Betty Carter, Tommy Sullivan, Beverly Garrison, Florence Sullivan, Cynthia Ann Evans and Darlene Carter.



CHRISTMAS PARADE, MAIN STREET. Notice the Christmas tree and the Christmas lights. The Christian Church in the background appears to be the furthest building north.



1930. ZELTUS FORD AND DIXIE FAULDS.



1936. MARCELLA AND HAROLD LANCE with their Grandpa Patterson's angora goat.



ROYAL GRAY, LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND ED TAYLOR, first county agent, eligible bachelors in the early 30's.



ROY GRIESER AND JIM WOODS, early Grant County pilots.



IONE COEBER, 1932. The first Miss Grant County?



SCHOOL GIRLS, Pauline Dugan, Jerry Gill and Francis Miller behind the fountain in Miller's Drugstore.



1930's. LOCAL CUTIES inside Becks Popcorn Kitchen. Charlie Binney perched on top.



PHOTO OF MINIATURE GOLF COURSE taken from the roof of the Ralsamore Hotel.



PHOTO TAKEN FROM THE ROOF OF THE RALSAMORE HOTEL looking southwest in the early 30's. Notice Phifer Motor Company also sold gas.



INMAN BROTHERS FLYING CIRCUS, performed in Ulysses in October of 1936.



OTIS DEYOE AND ROY KING camped at Wagonbed Springs, early in 1930's.



THE HEMPHILL BARN with the staircase on the south side, was used frequently for dances during the dust bowl days.



YOUNG LADIES enjoying an afternoon of sledding, pose in front of City Hall. Nelma Heltemes, Alene Steen, Dutch Otheo and Loma Hennigh.



DEDICATION OF JEDEDIAH SMITH MARKER, 1937.