

*The Giddings News*

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The editor went out to see the strawberry patch of Andrew Schatte, on Rabbs Creek near town. It is quite large and as thrifty seeming as any we have ever seen. He says that the berries can be grown profitably in this section which is another stride that Lee County has made toward another crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Schatte are among the most thrifty of farmers. They will soon celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary and they will not quit working. They have resided on the same farm ever since they were married and they doubtless have a number of years of activity before them.

This couple is among the pioneers of this country. When Mrs. Schatte came to this locality, the railroad ended at Brenham and the baggage was hauled by oxen to what is now Lee County and she walked in mud knee deep. Giddings was not "on the map" at that time. As soon as it was announced that a railroad would be built the coordinates of the railroad were "somewhere between Wolf and Sand branches". Prior to that time, Mr. Schatte's father carried the mail from Cunningham Prairie (below Winchester where it was received from the stage line) to Lexington. Indians were plentiful and Berlin, Evergreen and Lexington were the prominent towns through the days of pioneering.

This elderly couple has lived through the days of pioneering and adventure and they say that they were never harmed in any way nor were they molested, only that the Indians stole a few yearlings at one time. They had a herd of hogs that were astray for one year and and, distant people advised them of the swine and when he went after them only one was missing.