

**The Giddings News**

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**Lee County's First Bale**

Ben Synnatschk, son of Ernst Synnatschk, marketed the first bale of 1923 cotton Saturday morning. It was grown three miles south of Northrup on the Winchester road, ginned free by G. Zoch of Northrup, and bought by the Farmers Supply of Giddings. The bale weighed 520 lb. and classed strict middling and he received one and five eights cents above the market price, besides the \$20.00 cash prizes offered by the Giddings Chamber of Commerce.

This is the first year that that section of the county has produced the first bale. It was planted directly after Easter Sunday and was grown on upland, mostly new post oak ground. The seed were of the ordinary variety.

Ernst Synnatschk and his three sons produced 12 bales of cotton last year and they think that they will do better this year. Some weevils are in the cotton, but no worms have made their appearance there.

The second bale was marketed by August Baack Monday afternoon. The third bale was marketed Tuesday morning by Herman Herzog of near Loe-bau.