

The Giddings News

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ARMY CAMP

The Giddings News last week published a map of the proposed army camp for Bastrop, with a portion extending across into Lee County. As stated, this map was only a temporary plan and is subject to changes at any time. Already one change has been made. Surveyors were called off last week from the Lee County part between Paige and Manheim and it is understood that no part of Lee County will be used.

Of course, all this is subject to change at any time. No one knows what the future will bring forth. The War department does not tell its plans, and complete preparations are made so that if an army camp is needed, work can be begun within a few hours after the order is issued. Appraisers are busy this week west of Paige trying to agree with land owners as to the value of their property.

If an army camp is established, the area will be cleared of all timber, the ground leveled with machinery, all timber burned and a real army campsite and drill grounds set up. So many things can happen in a short time that the future is very uncertain about the opening of new army camps.