

FIFTY-ONE YEARS AGO

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Giddingsites visiting elsewhere: J. D. Northrup, John Renick and lady in Lexington, J. M. Gould and family to Darden Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Durrenberger to New Orleans, Watson Northrup to Beeville where he has secured a position with the newspaper there, W. S. Southern to the coast.

Visitors in Giddings: Robert Knox of Dime Box, Minnie Arendal from String Prairie, Miss Denia Cooper of Belton, J. F. Belsher of Lexington, W. S. Bowers of Deenville.

Dr. S. G. Northrup and his sister Mrs. Carrie Griffith are convalescing.

Marris Burns is holding down the drug store in the absence of Mr. Gould.

W. W. Ratliff contemplates moving to Coleman.

We learn that two of our school boys had a difficulty on the playground. One stuck a knife in the other's head. Such as this should not be permitted. It does not speak well of our school.

The public school opened Monday with a good attendance and with Prof. Griggs at the helm.

There is considerable talk among our people in regard to incorporating the town or pay one of our officers a salary to look after things.

J. C. Hilsiman & Sons have on hand a lot of first class wooden cisterns which they propose to sell at greatly reduced prices.

Levi Bryant, one of our prosperous colored citizens, called and settled for the News Tuesday.

The new gates to the court

house have been long needed.

Messers Frost and Kennerly deserve credit for the manner in which they enforced the law last Saturday.

Giddings is walking off with the cotton.

Giddings population is 1200. Assessment is \$500,000. Scholastic census, 381, school 9 months a year. Trade territory is 15 miles in each direction. Volume of business transacted a year, \$400,000. There are no banks, one is badly needed. Improved lands sell at prices ranging from \$5 to \$25 per acre. Unimproved averages \$2 per acre. Shipments from Giddings a year are: 14,000 bales of cotton, 8,000 lbs. of wool, 50,000 lbs. hides, 40 cars livestock.

Deenville. — Cotton worms have made their appearance and have done but little damage. Farmers are dosing them with London purple. Mrs. E. W. Folkes and Miss Dora White visited friends and relatives in Giddings recently. Mr. L. J. Folkes and Miss Mollie McLendon, brother and niece of Mr. E. W. Folkes, accompanied Mrs. Folkes and Miss White home Friday. The Folkes gin boiler refused to run Friday. Mr. Folkes secured the services of Mr. Joe Beaumier of Brenham who fixed it.