

51 YEARS AGO
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Dr. S. G. Northrup had a narrow escape last week when attempting to cross Rabb's Creek. He was in a two horse buggy when he drove into the creek where it was swimming. The current was very swift and his horses could not swim against it. They floated down stream, the doctor jumping out of the buggy, swam ashore. The horses were carried down the stream, and drowned before his eyes. The doctor says the water was so cold, and he having on clothes, that it was with difficulty that he saved himself. He, however, went back in the water and tried to save his team, but they were so far gone that his efforts were of no avail. He recovered his buggy the next day, but his medicine case and several other things have not been found. The creek was up caused by the heavy rain of last week.

John Biar of Serbin sold 30 monuments recently.

Mass Meeting called in Giddings March 26 of citizens of Lee County for the purpose of making arrangements to petition the Commissioners' Court of Fayette and Bastrop counties to order an election for the purpose of obtaining territory from said counties adjoining Lee County and to attach the same to Lee County.

Telegraph line over the Aransas Pass R. R. was completed into Giddings this week.

Rev. H. P. Alhart, Baptist Minister of McDade, was in the city this week.

Mr. W. R. Doaks of Lexington was in our city Monday.

Fred Burns of Lampasas, Tom Burns of Elgin and Carrol of Austin visited their parents here.

Mr. E. A. Burns visited in Lexington.

Last Saturday, Mrs. Wm. Burns of Lexington, whose husband died last Tuesday, left this world of trials to join her husband on that other shore. Mrs. Burns had pneumonia. Three small children survive.

Prof. D. M. Lowrance, Misses Isabella Hester and Ida Arnold visited in Giddings Saturday.

Rev. O. B. Caldwell, accompanied by his little daughter, Annie, visited Winchester a few days.

G. W. Duey of Beakiss visited here this week.

Misses Jennie Williams and Lillie Green, two of our most pleasant young ladies, paid our office a visit last Monday.

John Renick, accompanied by his mother from Lexington spent the day in Winchester last Monday at the bedside of Mr. J. S. Hall. Mrs. Renick's aged father. Mr. Hall has pneumonia.

The Masquerade Ball at Casino Hall was a success.

Dirt has been broken for the two new brick buildings to be erected by Messrs. Straube and Raube.

Geo. Waitman's dwelling is near completion.

F. Raube and son Eddie visited in Austin.

Tanglewood. The recent freeze did not do much damage. Corn planted before the freeze is coming up. School under W. O. Bowers is all that could be wished for. Schools at Parks Prairie and Bulah have closed.

The health of the community has been impaired by prevailing bad weather. The youngest child of Joe Fowler died recently. Railroad so long expected here is on a stand still.