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**MOLASSES MILL
IN FULL OPERATION**

The molasses mill which was installed by the business men of Giddings this summer to help promote the syrup industry in this section, is functioning fine. Cane is being brought regularly to the mill and up to Tuesday, 1200 gallons of syrup had been produced. The prospects are for 2,000 gallons more to be produced this season, bringing the total production to more than 3,000 gallons. The honey drip variety of cane was mostly planted this year. Some farmers plan to grow seeded ribbon cane next year. This county in former years produced fine ribbon cane, which made excellent ribbon cane syrup as good as any produced in East Texas.

Some farmers bringing cane in larger quantities are as follows: John Mutschink of near Giddings brought cane from 2 acres and obtained 200 gallons of syrup; Emil Zoch of Winchester brought cane for 82 gallons; Fritz Boes of Lincoln brought 4 loads and obtained 88 gallons; Herman Kleschnick, Lincoln, brought 4 loads for 74 gallons; Robert Kissman, Paige, planted $\frac{1}{2}$ acre to cane and obtained 41 gallons. He can sell all his syrup at 75 cents a gallon. He plans planting 4 or 5 acres in cane next year. He says he wishes he had 4 acres this year. The cane is running about 100 gallons to the acre where the cane is good. Most of the cane growers this year planted less than an acre. The syrup mill charges 15c a gallon for producing the molasses. The farmers are encouraged over their results this year and the acreage promises to be heavy next year. The steam heat for cooking is proving excellent as it is an even heat.