

### Paige Highway Open

Spinning over one of Lee County's highways the other we arrived at Hills where Ed. C. Hamff has opened up a garage and was prepared for all kinds of repair and battery work. Adolph Haverland who had recently acquired the Wm. Mueller business was busy increasing his stock of groceries and dry goods and reported business as being good. Driving on to Paige over the newly constructed highway in Bastrop County, it was found to be a good road with a fairly smooth surface. The concrete work was substantial and Giddings and Paige are now connected by a road that can be used in all kinds of weather. The editor well remembers when several from Giddings attended a good roads meeting at Paige years ago when the first talk of a highway was brought up. It was a rainy night and several of us were in R. M. Vogel's car and all of a sudden we found the car at right angles with the road. The long talked-of highway is now a reality and it will not be much longer until the good road is completed to McDade, then we shall have one of the important highways of the state open.

At Paige we found the business men busy waiting on the trade, but the Christmas trade was not brisk because the crops were marketed early and much of the money was spent before the holiday season arrived. However, the merchants were all satisfied with the trade and they were well stocked with all the needs of their people. Chas. Kuhn was found at the bank where he is president. Herman Lehmann cashier of the Guaranty State Bank was at his post in his usual friendly manner and said that the rush of business is about to get "his goat." The only J. E. Pauls was ready with his usual wit as he found intervals to look up from his books while the original Oscar Wilde was happy in the fact that he could become rich if he could only do away with the expense accounts. R. C. Hertel reported good business for his lumber yard and Henry Jantzen of the Paige Garage was busy with plenty of work. Ed. Symm-

ank was able to hammer iron again after an absence of several months due to having broken a limb while working in his shop. He was busy repairing tools which showed that the farmers had been busy plowing. After partaking of a good dinner at the Burgdorf hotel we met numerous people of Paige and it pleased us to know that the News is a welcome visitor in many homes there each week; in fact several said they anxiously wait the coming of the Giddings News. Adolph Wachsmann of Manheim was busy with his crew of workmen moving machinery for a new test well in Lee County. Manheim is a busy little place with its many conveniences to accommodate the farming interests of that section.