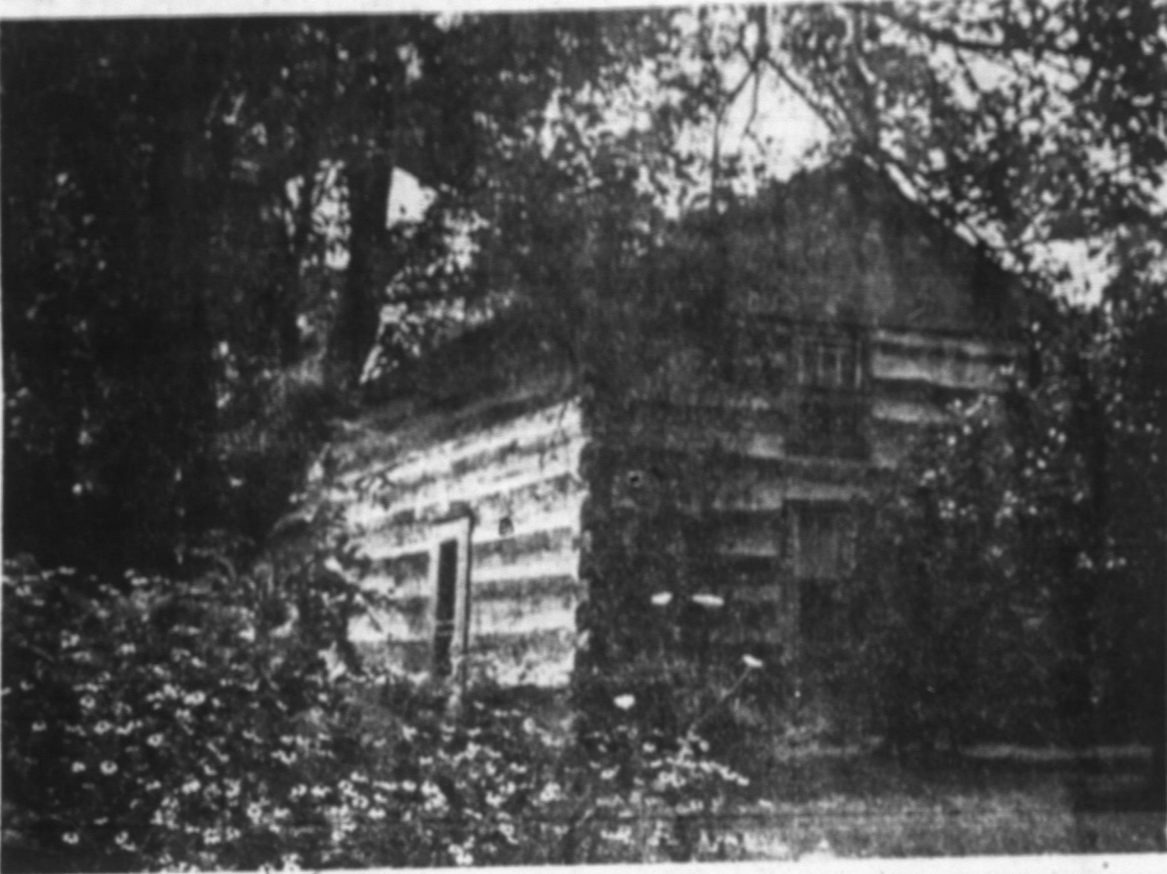


# Decatur Log Cabin Burned



**THE ABELL CABIN**, located at the edge of Hanna-Nuttman park, one of the five oldest homes in the Decatur area, has been burned to the ground to prevent injury to life and limb by children playing in it. The cabin, built 125 years ago, is pictured above. The picture is the property of R. E. Glendening, assistant cashier of the First State Bank of Decatur, who brought the long history of the cabin to light by remembering an article by French Quinn. Mrs. John Kiess, Mrs. Hugh Andrews, Edgar Steele, and many other friends or relatives of the settlers who owned the cabin, and the G. Remy Bierly Abstract Co., helped in the gathering of material on the history of the cabin.

war veteran, and neighboring Indians, helped build the little old cabin. Numerous Indian relics are still found in the area.

In less than two years, however, the little farm purchased for \$60 from the government was sold to Robert Fisher for \$150. Not long after this transaction on August 8, 1837, Fisher died, and his widow, Barbara, later remarried William Elzey, Sr. Mrs. Elzey deeded the land over to Thomas Fisher October 21, 1843.

September 10, 1846 Thomas and Penelope Fisher sold the land to John Russell for \$450. The land changed hands twice again, John and Catharine Russell selling it to Florian and Elizabeth Ehinger July 28, 1874, and they in turn selling it to Samuel G. and Mary E. Patterson March 29, 1881.

**Mrs. McCampbell Buys**  
It was on September 22, 1884, that Mrs. Frances McCampbell bought the land for \$1,250. And it is the past 80 years of history of the cabin that will be best remembered by the native sons of Decatur.

Mrs. McCampbell was the daughter of James and Elizabeth Dowden Robinson, pioneers of Adams county. Her mother, "Grandma" Robinson, lived to be more than 96 years old, and died at her home place at the edge of Monmouth September 7, 1911. Her father had died in 1856.

Mrs. McCampbell's husband, William B. McCampbell, died February 20, 1890, but she continued living in the little log cabin. The mother of three children, a second tragedy hit her family when the husband of her daughter, Elizabeth Robinson, died in 1910. Mr. Abell had been a tailor, and his wife, known to everyone as Lizzie, was a seamstress. Mr. Abell was very well-known as a tailor, and his wife, "The more you dye, the better we live" excited the imagination of the community.

Mrs. Abell moved into the little old cabin with her mother, who passed away at 6 a.m. the morning of October 26, 1921, at the age of 81 years, 10 months, and 27 days. A sprightly little old lady, she had walked to Monmouth and back the day before she died.

**Original Cabin**  
Originally the cabin was two separate buildings, with the kitchen separate from the main house. The upstairs originally had no windows, just pigeon holes for ventilation and what little light was admitted. Mrs. Abell had the kitchen moved against the house, and had windows cut in the upstairs.

Also a well was drilled by the house. Previously water was obtained from springs in the little creek which runs nearby. An old log barn, used by farmer McCampbell after he moved to Adams county from Jay county, had fallen down many, many years ago.

**Lived Alone**  
After her mother's death in 1921, Mrs. Abell lived in the cabin by herself. Once a visitor asked her if she wasn't scared, living all by herself, partially crippled, in that out-of-the-way place.

"Oh, No sir," she replied, pulling a large pistol from under her pillow. "I can shoot this as well as any man." Her door was always left open, and she wished her friends to enter when they came without knocking.

**Deeded To Church**  
Mrs. Abell was a member of the Jehovah Witnesses, and on February 3, 1947 she deeded the 40-acre farm to them, with the understanding that she could live there as long as she lived. The religious group, known as the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, then built its first Kingdom Hall on the land.

November 10, 1953, Mrs. Abell gave up living alone in the little cabin that had been in her family for 73 years. She retired to the Indiana state soldiers home at Lafayette, her husband having been a veteran of the Spanish-American War. At the age of 88, February 22, 1959, she passed away.

The condition of the little old cabin, rotting away for more than a century, gradually worsened in the seven years it was uninhabited. Children in the area played in it, creating a public hazard. Early this year, the church owning the property, unable to sell it, took steps to tear down the old cabin, but found out that it was in such bad shape that no one would risk tearing it down. Thus they received permission about three weeks ago to burn down the cabin, which stood, forlorn and tragic, a home with nobody in it, after having seen some of the main pioneer families of Decatur come and go.

## School Board Fight Ends In One Death

**BROWNSBORO, Tex. (UPI)—**Texas Rangers moved into Brownsboro today fearing a riot in the aftermath of a fight that erupted at a school board meeting leaving two men shot, one fatally and a third knifed and in critical condition.

Dozens of witnesses identified Dr. Charles C. Rahn, former Brownsboro mayor who was secretary of the Brownsboro Independent School District board, as the man who did the shooting.

Rahn was held at the Henderson County Jail in nearby Athens. "We are protecting him at this time," Deputy J. P. Williams said. "He isn't talking. No charges have been filed."

Thurman Jackson, 42, a lumber company owner, was shot twice and killed. Police said Bill Melton was also shot, and George Rash was knifed during the brawl that erupted in the study hall of the Brownsboro High School where about 200 persons attended a school board meeting Thursday night.

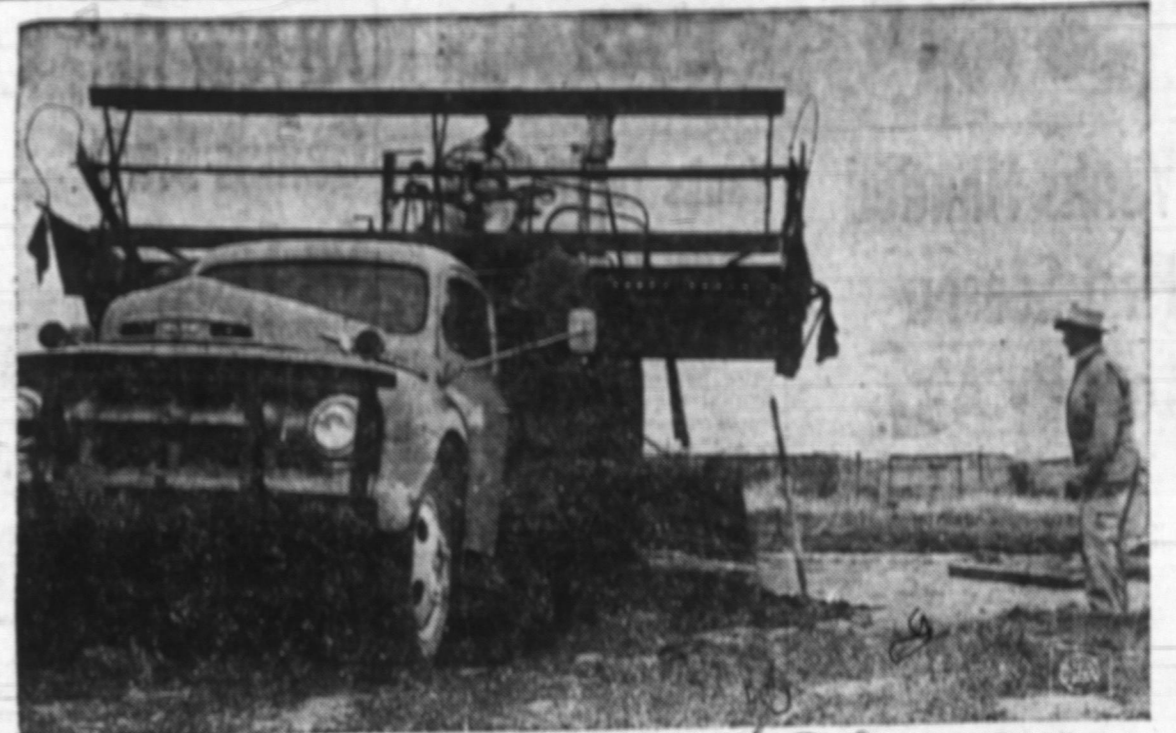
A Department of Public Safety (state police) spokesman said Henderson County authorities had asked for help because the situation was so tense.

Jack Hardee, district attorney, worked through the night questioning about 50 witnesses to the shooting.

"Rahn is now in jail," Hardee said. "I have a lot of witnesses to talk to. I have no facts before me. The case is under investigation."

The situation has been tense in Brownsboro, a small town of about 50 persons located 16 miles southwest of Tyler, for several months. It apparently started when the new schoolboard fired Homer Bass, superintendent of schools for 23 years, then later schools for nine Negro schoolteachers, a janitor and three bus drivers.

Over 2,600 Daily Democrats are sold and delivered in Decatur each day.



**HEADING FOR TEXAS HARVEST**—Harvesting millions of acres of winter wheat brings out "custom cutters" like Dave Bolzer, right, of Scottsbluff, Neb. Dave directs the operation as his son, Ray, drives a combine with a 16-foot header onto their truck. Bolzer takes his equipment to Texas for the gigantic harvest.

## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

### KINGDOM HALL

#### Corner Monroe and Ninth

Sunday, 3 p.m.—"The Kingdom Ministry" will be the subject of a Bible lecture to be given by Clyde D. Steele, local Watchtower representative and presiding minister. The public is invited to attend.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m.—Watchtower Bible study and discussion of the subject, "Living Now for a New World" and "The Benefit of Living for God's New World." One of the scripture texts for consideration will be Ephesians 5:17, NW.

"On this account cease becoming unreasonable, but go on perceiving what the will of Jehovah is."

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Bible study using the study aid, "Your Will Be Done On Earth."

Friday, 7:30 p.m.—Theocratic Ministry school followed by Kingdom Service meeting.

## LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Service Commission of Indiana Docket No. 24625

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BUILDERS TRUCKING, INC. AND OTHER AUTHORIZED CARRIERS, REQUESTING DUMP TRUCK SERVICE, FOR ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION AND ESTABLISHING RATES.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND PRACTICES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF COMMODITIES USUALLY AND ORDINARILY TRANSPORTED IN DUMP TRUCKS WITHIN THE STATE OF INDIANA, BY COMMON CARRIER, BY MOTOR VEHICLE, AND CONTRACT CARRIER, BY MOTOR VEHICLE.

Notice is hereby given that the Public Service Commission of Indiana will conduct public hearing in this cause in the Rooms of the Commission, 401 State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 10:30 A.M. (DST), Monday, July 11, 1960.

Public participation is requested. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF INDIANA

By George G. Chae, Secretary Indianapolis, Indiana June 17

## RED CHINA

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nist subs but the Navy was taking no chances with the President. Griffin has commanded the 7th Fleet four months.

### Sailed From Manila

The entire 7th Fleet, comprising about 125 ships and more than 300 planes, was operating in direct and indirect support of the special task force.

The course of the task force today took it within 150 miles of the Chinese mainland.

The President and his party sailed from Manila harbor shortly after midnight and are due Saturday morning off the northeastern Formosan port of Keelung.

There the President will disembark by helicopter (about 9 p.m. e.d.t. Friday) for Taipei and an overnight visit with Nationalist Chinese President Chiang Kai-shek.

## SCHOOL

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of providing a drag strip, and urged the Rotarians to give these needs some thought and then provide the leadership should they seem desirable.

Next week's Rotary meeting will be a ladies night affair with Terje Strom as guest speaker.

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