



NAT WILLIAMS

Nat Williams Now Serving Lubbock As Superintendent

Nat Williams was born in Putnam. He is a graduate of Abilene High School, received his bachelor of arts degree from Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, and Master of Arts degree from the University of Texas.

He has taught in the Abilene Public Schools, was principal of the Tahoka High School, and has served as superintendent of the following schools: Cross Plains, Baird, Ballinger, and Gladewater, Abilene, and is presently located in Lubbock. His friends in Gladewater will remember him as having served as superintendent from 1945 to 1947.

He is a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association and the National Education Association, member of the American As-

sociation of School Administrators, and Phi Delta Kappa. He and his family attend the First Methodist Church in Lubbock and he is a member of the Lions Club and the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce.

Williams will be the guest of the Gladewater School Board when they honor past and present board members and their wives and ex-superintendents here at the high school on February 6th.

OREGON'S BIG CUT

SALEM, Ore. (U.P.) — Nearly 10 billion board feet of logs were harvested from Oregon timberlands in 1952, a record cut for the leading industry of the state, according to surveys just completed by George Spaur, state forester. The cut amounted to 9,802,471,000 board feet of logs. Spaur said figures from the U. S. Forest Service indicated it was the largest one-year volume not only for Oregon but for any single state.

Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea.

Mrs. McConnell Served As Super, Replacing Husband

Gladewites will remember that in April 1942 Mr. F. C. McConnell, who was then Superintendent of Schools, was called to active duty in the Air Force, and that his wife



MRS. F. C. MCCONNELL

took over his duties for the remainder of that fiscal year. Prior to that time Mrs. McConnell had taught in several schools in Texas. She holds a B. A. degree from Baylor University and a M. A. degree from East Texas State Teachers College. Since she served in Gladewater she has been director of a War Work Center in Waco, Texas; Consultant for the Hogg Foundation at the University of Texas; Dean of Women at Texas College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville, and she is presently Director of Scottish Rite Dormitory which houses and feeds about 350 women students at the University of Texas.

Mrs. McConnell has taken an active part in civic and educational affairs all of her life. She is now called on by groups and organizations from all over the state to appear as a lecturer. She has held many responsible positions in various clubs and organizations and at the present time is in her thirteenth year as a member of the Board of Directors for the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers. She plans, along with her husband, to attend the dinner in honor of board members and superintendents who have served the Gladewater schools in the past.

WRONG MOVE

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (U.P.) — Alderman Vincent Kotowski had to resign from the common council. After he was elected to represent Ward 10 he moved to Ward 7.



PICTURED ABOVE is the type of school buses used in 1938 by Gladewater schools along with drivers. They were Roland Duncan, Raymond Stapes, Doc Reynolds, Clyde Merritt, Claude Ford, Bill Dunbar, Kenneth Douse, Earl Berryhill, Jack Tenery, Chester Wyatt and Tispie Currie.

Bus Transportation For Local Schools Began In '16

Bus transportation for the Gladewater Public Schools began in the fall of 1916. At this time the Point Pleasant School was transferred in to the Gladewater system. The children were transported to Gladewater by a wagon which was equipped with seats the length of the sides of the wagon, and covered with a sheet and bows. This first wagon was driven by John Rogers and A. L. Hughes. The next driver was Lawrence L. Fenn, who drove the wagon until the purchase of an early model Ford truck. In 1918 and 1919 Rupert York and Roy Brazzil drove the Gladewater school bus. Brazzil drove a Model T truck which had a homemade body with canvas roll-down curtains on the side and seats along each side of the bed. In the fall of 1922 when the new school was built, Clinton Moore was given charge of the light plant machinery and also the job of bus driver. He held this position for five years. W. P. Dun-1927, and he and his sons, Oran, Randolph, and Knox took turns driving a Model T Ford truck.

Gladewater Independent Schools bought and operated their first buses in 1931. Until that time, the drivers owned and operated their own vehicles and were paid a certain amount each month for expenses. Mr. J. J. Traugher drove one of the four buses purchased in 1931. By 1938 there were ten buses for whites and two for the colored.

The Gladewater Schools owned 21 buses, one pickup, and one truck in 1942. Some of these vehicles were housed behind the Grade School. The rest were stored at the drivers' homes at

various places over the district. There are now 27 buses, two pickups, one truck, one panel can truck, one car, drivers education car, and one pickup for the FFA boys, in the Gladewater Schools. The last two vehicles are furnished by various merchants in town. The buses and repair shop were moved to the old N. Y. A. building on Virginia Drive in June of 1944, where there is now one of the best equipped repair shops for school buses in the state. Gladewater school buses travel approximately 1,000 miles per day on regular routes. Several thousand miles of extra travel are made each year.



W. A. MCINTOSH, one of the owners and teachers of Pritchett Normal Institute. He is at present a lawyer and lives in Gilmer.

Wood And Metal Shop Prepares Students For Work

In 1935, S. E. Shaffer came to Gladewater as the first shop teacher. Technical drawing and the fundamental use of some hand tools were taught in a room in the west basement. Shaffer was replaced by Walter Glenney in 1937.

During the early part of 1937, the school board and superintendent gave the public important statistics to show why Gladewater was in need of new additional rooms, among which were those for Industrial Arts. Superintendent Smith said, "I do not know of a standard school in this section of the country that does not offer courses in mechanical drawing, manual training, furniture construction, etc."

Colgate Elmer came to Gladewater in 1938 to set up courses in the basement floor of the new east wing. He was the first new teacher to be elected for that year. Rooms had been provided for metal, wood, and drawing classes. Elmer also served as N.Y.A. co-ordinator. He left the Gladewater schools in 1940.

Walter Khuene replaced Colgate Elmer as instructor of woodwork, and Bryan Leeright was employed as metal instructor. Khuene held this position until mid-term 41-42. Khuene served as N.Y.A. co-ordinator from 1940 until his resignation. Bryan Leeright served as co-ordinator from mid-term 1941-42 until his resignation to enter army service at Chanute Field in 1941.

J. T. Snodgrass was employed as wood instructor to the position vacated by Khuene at mid-term

1941-42. Shortly after this, his wife was employed to fill the unexpired term of Bryan Leeright as metal instructor. J. T. Snodgrass also served as N.Y.A. co-ordinator in the early part of 1942.

Kyle Hathcox came as metal instructor for school year 1942-43 and resigned to go into service in July 1943.

G. H. Parrish came to Gladewater in the fall of 1943 to replace Hathcox. Shortly after school started, J. T. Snodgrass resigned to go into service, at which time the woodworking classes were consolidated into classes which were taught by J. C. Speir, junior high shop teacher, and G. H. Parrish. For several years Speir taught some of the high school wood and metal classes.

The mechanical drawing room was moved upstairs in 1942, where it remained until 1951, when the shops were remodeled. At this time the drawing room was placed between what had been the metal shop and wood shop. The metal shop was moved into the rear of the wood shop and the old metal shop was converted into what is now the junior high shop. Much new equipment, adequate lighting, new cabinets, new drawing tables and plate glass partitions between the rooms have made this one of the most modern shops in this area.

CHICAGO, (U.P.)—The age minimum for Chicago firemen was lowered from 21 to 19 on the recommendation of a management research firm which urged that the department recruit a younger force. The report showed that nearly a third of the firemen were in their late thirties. The height requirements was lowered from five feet, eight inches to five feet, 7½ inches.



M. D. SWEARINGEN moved his family to Gladewater in January of 1946 from Texarkana. They reside at 110½ N. Center and are members of the First Methodist Church. Their children include, Mike, Molly and Pat, all enrolled in Gladewater schools. Swearingen served on the Gladewater School Board during the school year of 1950-51. He is the owner of Swearingen's Wholesale Company, having interests in Texarkana and Pine Bluff, Ark. He also operates Swearingen's Distributive Company in Longview.

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