

1940s

WORLD WAR II, FARMS DIVERSIFIED & BOOMING, OIL & GAS BOOM, GRANT COUNTY BURSTING AT THE SEAMS



HAROLD FARTHING spraying the city for mosquitos, July 1949.



SOUTH MAIN LOOKING NORTH, 1948.



THE FIRST OILED STREETS come to Ulysses in the 1940's.



ULYSSES Main Street, 1949.



PAUL WALTERS AND SQUADRON in front of thatched roof building, India, WWII.



PAUL WALTERS WITH HIS SQUADRON IN INDIA DURING W.W. II.



MEMBERS OF THE BASLER-WOLFE FAMILIES are World War II Veterans. From left: Gail Elliott, John Wolfe, Leland Allen and Frank Basler.



ED LEWIS IN NAVY WHITES.



1941, OLIVER HICKMAN, stationed with the troops at Ft. Lewis, Washington.



1940'S W.W. II, NEAL AND GERALDINE LAHEY, children of James and Mabel Lahey. Both Neal and Geraldine served with the armed forces in W.W. II.



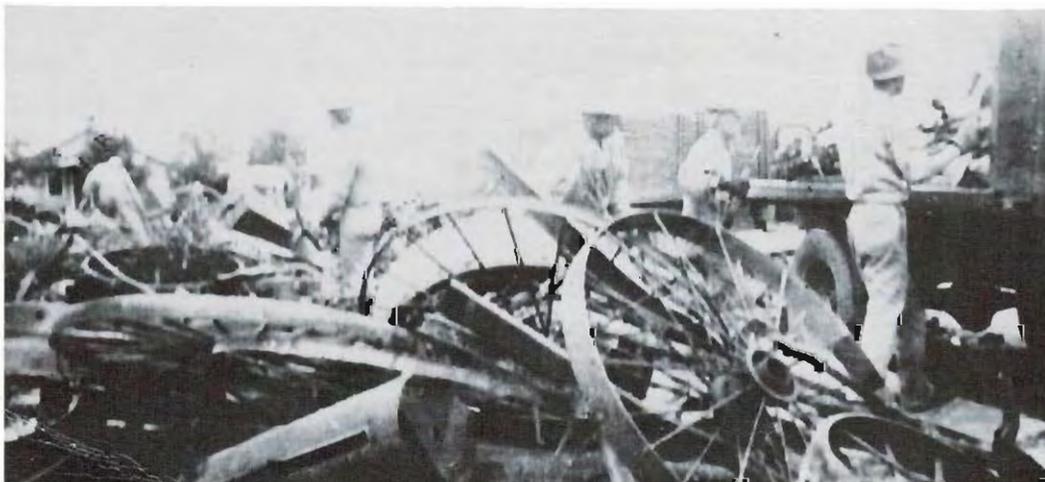
GEORGE AND ELLEN SCHWEIN WITH SON, GENE. Gene was awarded the silver star in W. W. II.



SONYA AND CYNTHIA EVANS, granddaughters of Flora and J.J. Carter, in uniforms made by Flora when their father was in the Navy during W. W. II.



B-17 BOMBER "OLGABELLE" crash landed at the north edge of Ulysses in 1944. When it was learned that the big plane was off course and in trouble, people in town lined up their cars with the lights on to help guide the pilot down.



SCRAP IRON DRIVE DURING W. W. II.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY GATHER IN 1945. Standing from left: Bob Deyoe, Annabelle Deyoe Crow, Jess and Velma Asher, Winnifred Deyoe, Ben Davis, June Deyoe Grubbs, Virginia Lyle Flummerfelt, Rink Binney. In front: Leonard and Betty Gee, Norma Betty Deyoe, Faye Deyoe Robinson, Larry and Garry Gee.



MARTHA STURMAN AND BEA JACQUART in front of Sturman Drug's window display, promoting the war effort.



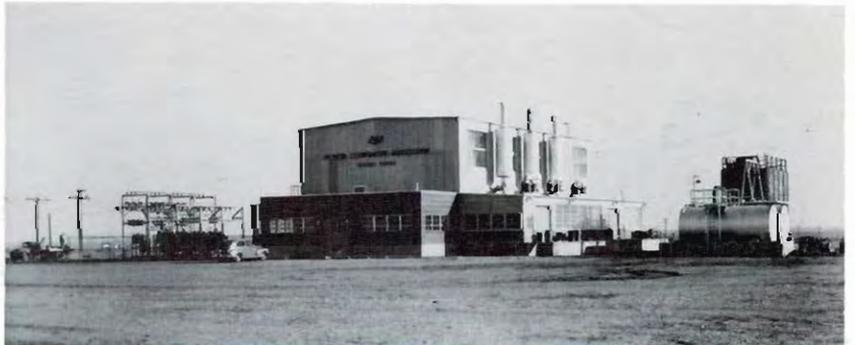
CELEBRATION AFTER WORLD WAR II AT THE TERRILL HOME IN ULYSSES. From left: John and Barbara Elliott, Cecil Puckett, Dan and Loretta Sullivan, Harry and Myrna Joyce, Hubert and Martha McCall, Tom Joyce, Cecil and Evelyn Kepley, Jim and Nelda Terrill.



ULYSSES SANTA FE DEPOT, 1940'S.



MAY 1949, STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, Division of Tuberculous Control, trailer parked in front of Phifer Motors.



ON OCTOBER 5, 1948, MAYOR GEORGE COFFEY SAID, "Let there be light," pulled the switch at the new Pioneer Electric Cooperative Plant, and service began in a seven county area.



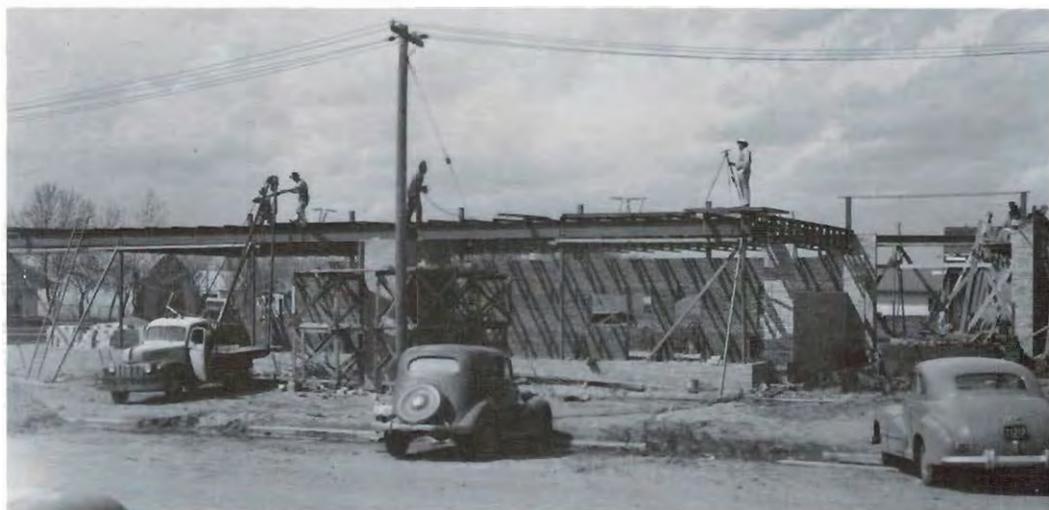
BERT'S CABINS, 1940'S. Bert's Cabins, Cactus Courts, Doc's Motel and the Ralsamore Hotel provided rooms for the many workers that came to the county with the oil and gas boom in the late 40's.



FIRST LOCATION OF PHIFER MOTOR COMPANY.



PHIFER GARAGE IN THE 40'S.



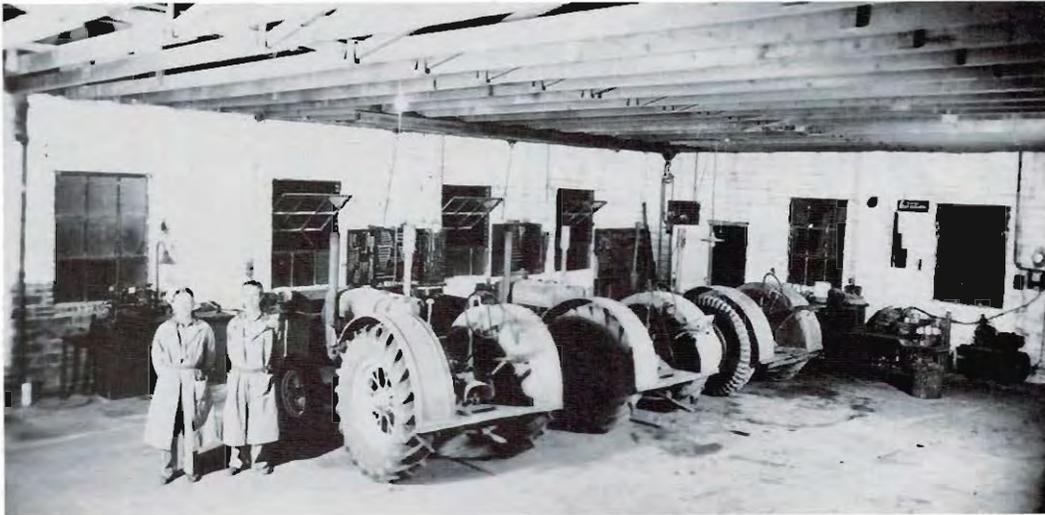
THE NEW PHIFER MOTOR COMPANY, under construction in 1947.



PHIFER MOTORS NEW BUILDING completed in 1948. Howard Phifer began business in Ulysses in 1931.

CROWD AT THE GRAND OPENING of Phifer Motor Company, 1948.





JOHN DEERE GARAGE, Walt Armstrong was the dealer in the 40's.



INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER, with tractors parked on Main.



WEBBER SUPPLY, with tractors parked in front.



HART'S GROCERY STORE located on Main.





VALENTINE EDWARD'S CAFE AND BILL HALEY'S POOLHALL were both located in the Mahan building on Main.



MANY BANQUETS AND PARTIES were held in the Orchid Room, located in the basement of the Ral-samore.



DECEMBER 1947, T. M. DEAL LUMBER COMPANY.



J. J. CARTER HARDWARE STORE.



DUCKWALL STORE IN JULY OF 1948.



MARTHA STURMAN working behind the fountain at Sturman Drug Store, August, 1940.



ELLIOTT LAUNDRY.



NORMA (MITCHELL) HILL working at the laundry.



CHAT AND CURL BEAUTY SHOP. Lady in door is unidentified, Martha McCall, Myrna Joyce, Pauline Annis, under dryer, and Hazel Steen, operator.



MONSON CAR LOT.



GRAND OPENING OF CURT'S BOWLING ALLEY.



IVY CROCKER selling tickets at the Grand Opening of the Crocker Theater in 1948.



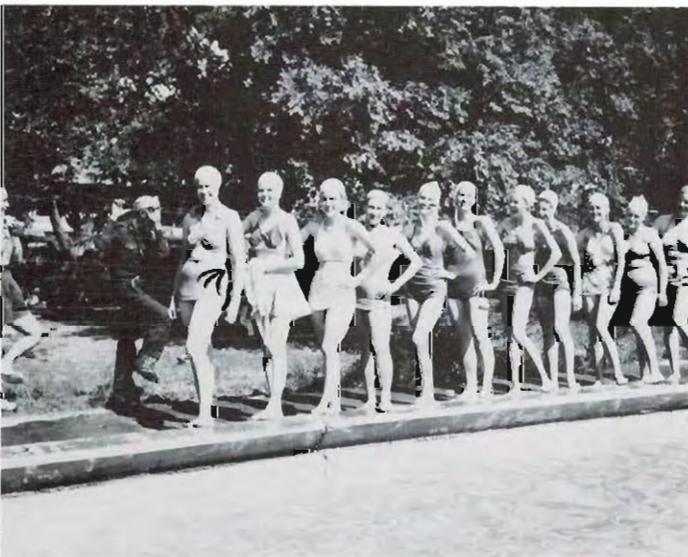
LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE at Curt's.



RALPH MENDENHAL, Stan Eastmen, Earl Miller, Lamoine Davis and Roy McGlohon at Curt's Bowling Alley.



ULYSSES SWIMMING POOL.



BATHING BEAUTIES pose for the photographer in their stylish two piece swimsuits and bathing caps.



A SUREWAY TO COOL OFF on a hot summer afternoon. Notice: The girls wearing bathing caps, a health requirement.



ALENE STEEN AND MARIAN KELLER watch construction crews repair damage that resulted from the flooding Cimarron River in 1941.



CIMARRON GRANGE, 1946. Some of the families represented: Hocketts, Allmons, Deyoes, Teeters, Limpers, Walters, Christians, Brewers, Broliers and Blakesleys.



FEBRUARY, 1947. Bride, Virginia (Lyle) Flummerfelt, center and bridesmaids from left: Leola Stewart, Rosie Reeves, Virginia, Joan Lewis, Anna Belle Hickok and Bernice Ray. The bridesmaids wore their prom dresses, which were pastel colors, in the wedding.



THE HICKOK CLUB, 1947. Maye Mitchell, holding Judy May, Ida Mae Cantrell, Ellen May, Martha Miller with Shirley May in front, Ella Murphy, Norma Hill, Shirley McHenry holding Linda, Lenora Cowden, Norma Deyoe, Myrtle Kennedy, Sula Ray, Ida Fort, Ida Mae Smith, Theresa Boylan and Arlene Young.



JUNIOR CIVIC CHRISTMAS PARTY at Mildred Binney's house in 1948. Clockwise from bottom: Ruby Williams, Kathryn Binney, Virginia Flummerfelt, Waunita Waller, Roberta Brewer, Virginia Lozar, Paula Joyce, May Rosel, Doris DeGarmo and Helen Brewer.



ELMER JOHNSON FAMILY at the Ulysses cemetery, Memorial Day, 1947. New Oldsmobile in background.



FUNERAL FLOWER GIRLS.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST HELD DOWNTOWN, 1949.



HIGHWAY EAST OF ULYSSES AFTER 1940 BLIZZARD.



IRENE, ALVIN AND HAROLD LANCE in a field of wildflowers that still flourished up to the city limits in 1949.



1946 COUSINS; Don and Carl Johnson, Ronald and Ken Bowen, Bob Johnson holding Marjorie, and Dick Bowen on one of their inventions, "Doodle Bug II."



GROUND BREAKING at the site of the new Baptist Church, spring, 1947.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. During the summer of 1944, the church built a modern parsonage next to the old church building. In the spring of 1947, the congregation began construction on their new church. The all-day dedication for the new First Baptist Church was on April 17, 1949.



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH building was moved from Hickok to Ulysses in 1945. The first Mass was celebrated on All Soul's Day, November 2, 1945. There were approximately 12 families in the parish at that time.



THE NAZARENE CHURCH was purchased and moved to its present site in August, 1947. The Ulysses Church of the Nazarene was organized Saturday night, January 24, 1948, with nine charter members.



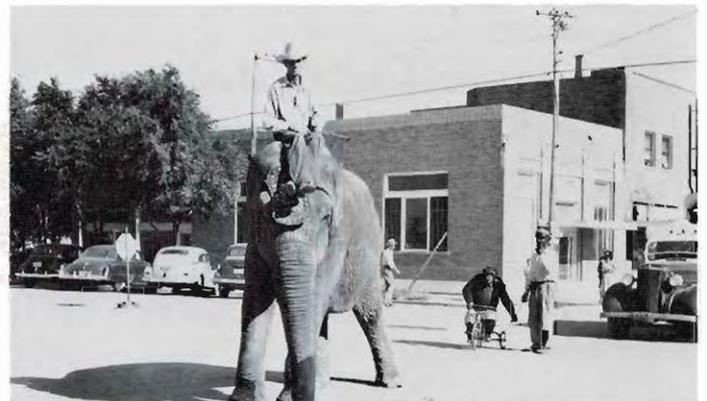
CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONGREGATION gathers for the mortgage burning. September, 1942.



GROWN-UPS AND KIDS ALIKE enjoy the carnival rides.



RODEO PARADE, AUGUST 1949.



PARADE ADVERTISES THE PLUNKETT TENT SHOW held in Ulysses in the spring of 1948.



THE TED RICHARDSON FAMILY, Paul Metcalf family, Logan Carter and Alene Steen are some of the people playing bingo at a carnival in the empty lots on Main, north of Hilton's Firestone.