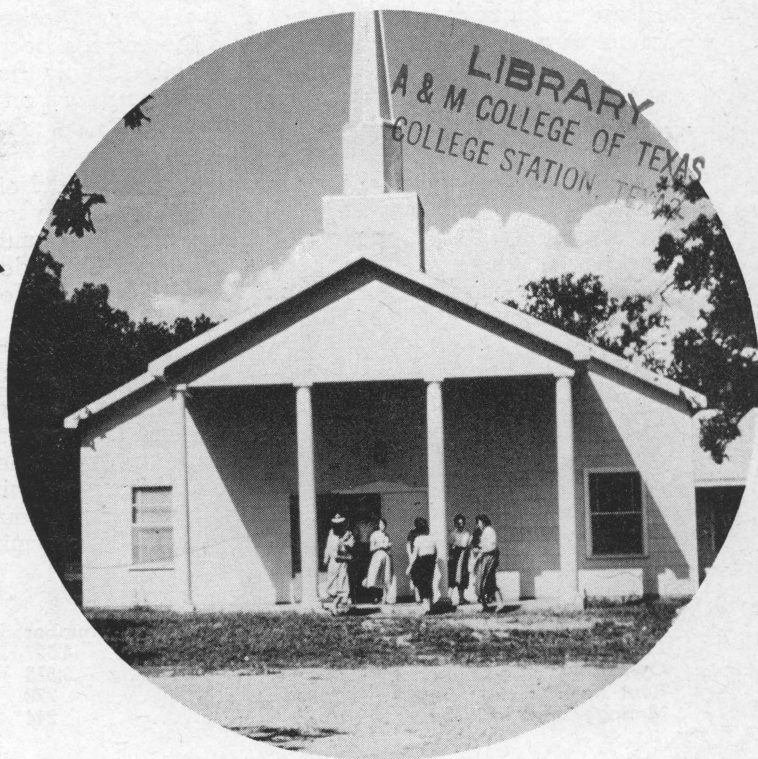


ORGANIZED

NEIGHBORHOODS

POINT THE WAY...



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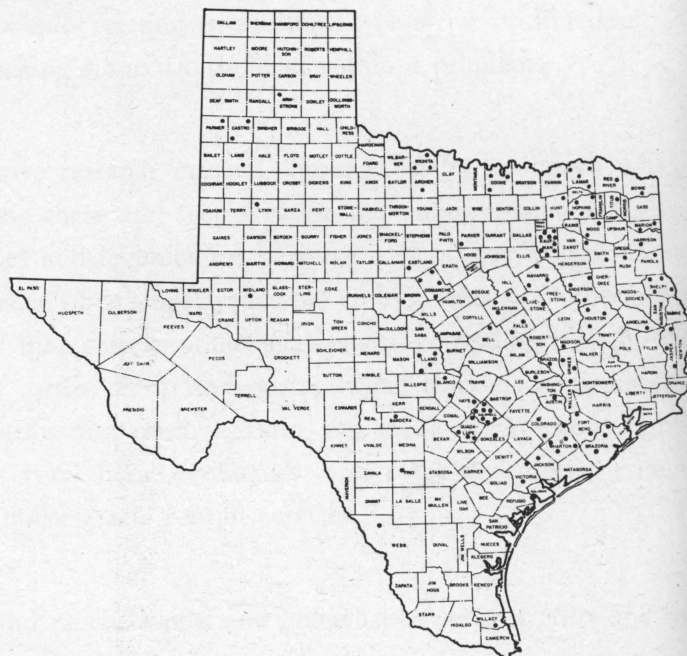
THIS IS A REPORT of human progress. It is the record of accomplishment of 4,507 rural families living in 127 Texas neighborhoods. Many of these neighborhoods once were dormant and the people themselves became aware of the need for organized action to build better community life. The results speak for themselves on the pages of this publication.

Each community was a participant in the Rural Neighborhood Progress Contest.* No attempt has been made to exclude aged, incapacitated or nonagricultural families residing in these neighborhoods. This report is made up of individual family reports from 77 white and 50 Negro neighborhoods.

Neighborhood improvement is one of the techniques used by county agricultural and home demonstration agents in helping to solve problems of rural life. The resources of the entire staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and other agencies are used. Many organized neighborhoods are not included in this report. County extension agents work with more than 800 organized communities.

Families Who:	Number
Live in neighborhoods	4,507
Own land	3,515
Rent land	778
Manage land for others	244

Kind of land in neighborhoods	Acreage
Cropland	316,750
Pastureland	418,937
Woodland	66,256



Dots represent communities and their locations.

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BETTER CROP PRODUCTION

2,606 FAMILIES

PLANTED 151,071 ACRES

WITH

CERTIFIED SEED



OTHER CROP IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO:

Harvested legumes for seed	240
Number acres harvested	7,310
Followed crop rotation plan	1,735
Practiced insect control	1,994
Planted new varieties	1,048
Acres planted	19,254

FAMILIES INCLUDED IN:

One-variety communities	282
Seed growers' association	55
Crop production contest	205



SOIL IMPROVEMENT

372 FAMILIES

BUILT

1,211 MILES

OF TERRACES

OTHER SOIL IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO:

Sodded waterways	183
Yards sodded	113,530
Chiseled land	452
Number acres chiseled	39,242
Planted cover crops	1,111
Number acres planted	38,855
Applied barnyard manure	1,791
Number tons applied	41,253
Used commercial fertilizer	2,741
Acres fertilized	101,642
Constructed drainage ditches	437
Yards constructed	297,354



LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

1,671 FAMILIES
 TREATED
 112,649 HEAD OF LIVESTOCK
 FOR
 EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL PARASITES



OTHER LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRACTICES

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO ADDED PUREBRED ANIMALS:

Dairy	344
Number purebred animals	1,408
Beef	711
Number animals	2,418
Hogs	589
Number	1,940
Sheep and goats	256
Animals	1,956
Number of animals registered during the year	2,235
Number families adding high quality poultry	1,227

DISEASE PREVENTION:

- 1348 families immunized 34,454 animals against blackleg.
- 406 families immunized 6,915 hogs against cholera.
- 421 families belonged to poultry and livestock improvement associations.



PASTURE IMPROVEMENT

1,341 FAMILIES

CONTROLLED BRUSH AND WEEDS

ON

74,614 ACRES

OTHER PASTURE IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO:

Fertilized pastures	704
Acres fertilized	18,700
Seeded or sodded old cropland and range	373
Acres	10,675
Practiced deferred grazing	1,010
Acres deferred	65,784
Practiced proper stocking	1,436
Practiced fire control	1,506
Harvested seed from desirable pasture plants	150



FOREST



MANAGEMENT

1,276 FAMILIES

HAVE

WOODLAND ON FARMS

OTHER FOREST PRACTICES

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO:

Secured fence posts	784
Treated fence posts	101
Secured lumber	128
Treated lumber	28
Secured fuel	698
Protected forest from fire	627
Protected forest from insect disease ..	233

Road Marking Is A Universal

Neighborhood Practice →





CLOTHING



3,706 FAMILIES

BOUGHT ADEQUATE CLOTHING

AND

3,726 PLANNED TOGETHER TO KEEP CLOTHES CLEAN

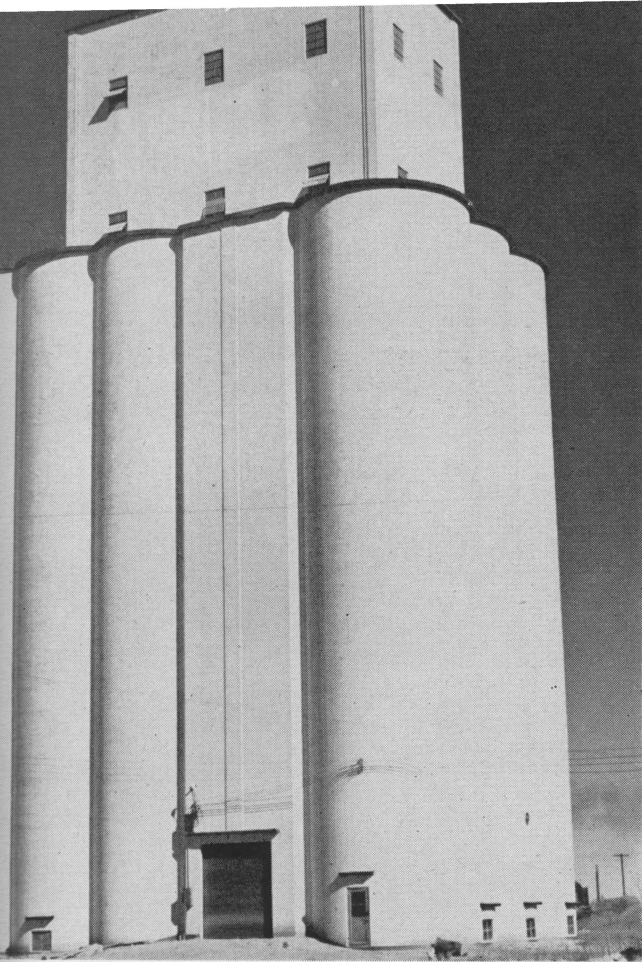


DISEASE PREVENTION

DISEASE PREVENTION AND SANITATION

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO:

Took part in cleanup campaign	2,989
Took part in safe water campaign	1,848
Provided sewage system	1,195
Took part in mosquito control	1,550
Took part in fly control	1,913
Worked on disposal dead animal campaign	2,164
Took part in immunization campaign	1,779
Provided drainage of water well	1,513
Provided drainage for barnyards	1,786
Provided screens for houses	2,271
Helped provide screens for community buildings	1,073
Vaccinated dogs for rabies control	1,132

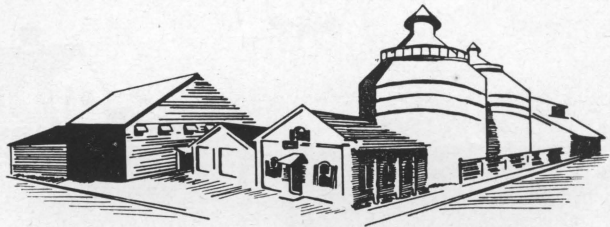


COOPERATIVES

1,524 FAMILIES
WERE MEMBERS OF COOPERATIVES

807 PROCESSED PRODUCTS
THROUGH COOPERATIVES

980 BOUGHT ITEMS COOPERATIVELY



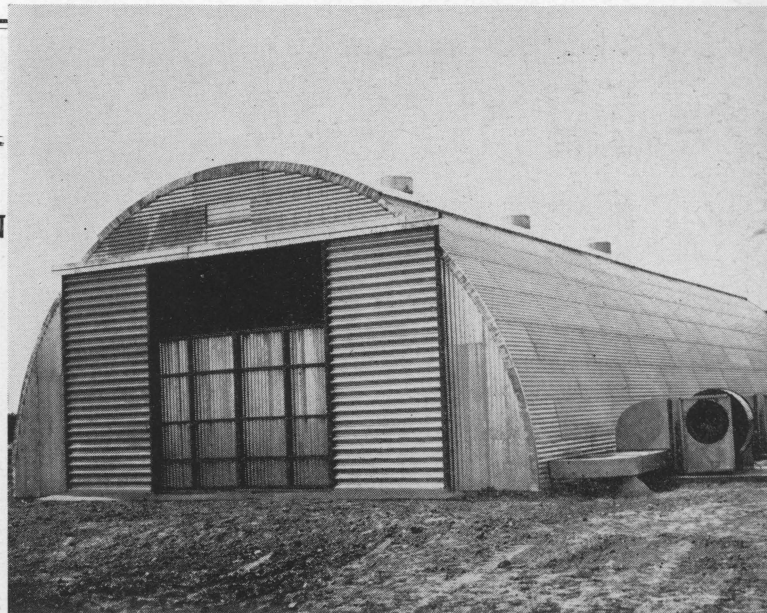
GOVERNMENT LOAN PROGRAM

874 FAMILIES PLACED COTTON IN LOAN

279 PLACED GRAIN SORGHUM IN LOAN

88 PUT WHEAT IN LOAN

698 USED SMITH DOXEY
COTTON CLASSING SERVICE

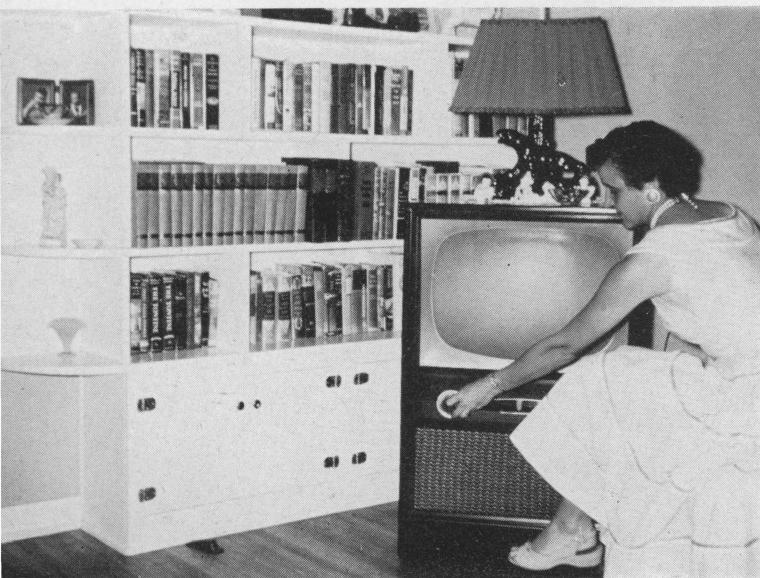


HOUSING, HOME IMPROVEMENT

223 FAMILIES BUILT A NEW HOME

784 REMODELED

1,239 REPAIRED THEIR HOME



OTHER HOME IMPROVEMENTS

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO:

Painted their home	909
Improved storage	866
Made interior improvement	1,647
Provided running water	706
Added or equipped a bathroom	601
Provided sewage disposal	633
Installed gas	731

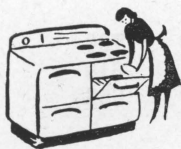


HOME EQUIPMENT

4,377 MAJOR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT

WERE BOUGHT

FOR THE HOME



HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT ADDED

Mechanical refrigerators	545
Home freezers	407
Water heaters	457
Washing machines	679
Ranges	525
Vacuum cleaners	345
Other equipment	1,419



FARM BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT

669,445 RODS OF FENCE

WERE

BUILT AND REPAIRED



OTHER FARM BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT

HOW MANY ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WERE:

Replaced	2,323
Repaired	4,956
Added for first time	1,479

NUMBER OF BUILDINGS OTHER THAN RESIDENCES:

Constructed	786
Painted	619
Wired for electricity	665

ITEMS ADDED:

Self feeders	963
Cattle guards and bump gates	285

FAMILIES WHO:

Installed running water for livestock	509
Trained in tractor maintenance	432





COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

2,111 FAMILIES

MADE PLANS

TO

BEAUTIFY HOMESTEAD

OTHER LANDSCAPING JOBS

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO:

Planted trees for shade and windbreak	1,165
Planted shrubs around the house ..	1,468
Leveled and sodded lawns	1,004
Planted flower gardens	1,407
Provided outdoor living room	216
Practiced landscape upkeep	1,995



RELIGIOUS LIFE

2,842 FAMILIES

INCREASED PARTICIPATION

IN

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES



OTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO:

Helped landscape church grounds . . .	1,809
Helped remodel, build and repair church buildings	2,335
Improved cemetery	1,859

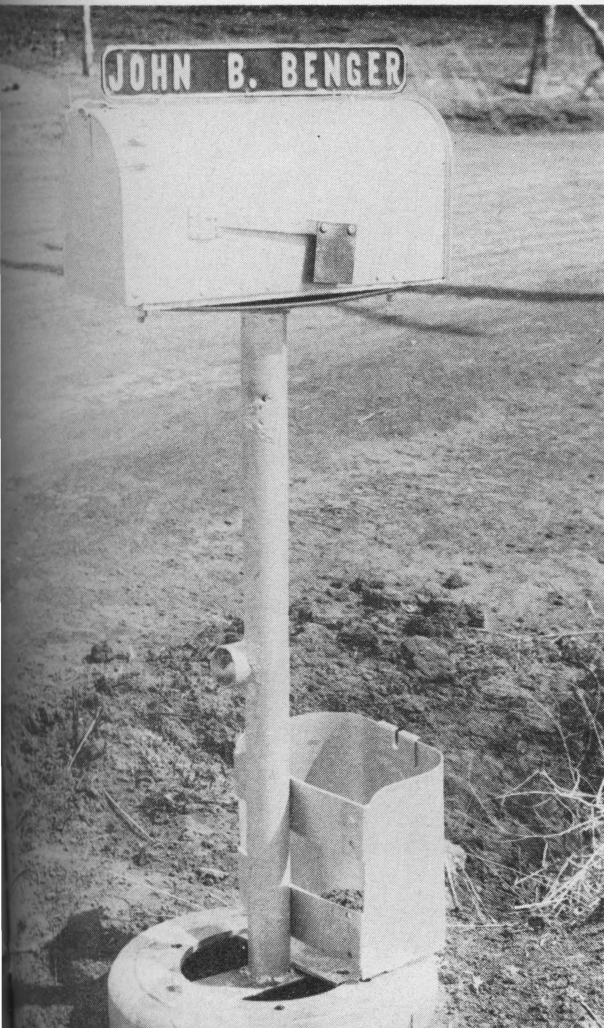


COMMUNITY RECREATION

2,461 FAMILIES

PLANNED FOR RECREATION TOGETHER

1,461 PROVIDED RECREATION FACILITIES



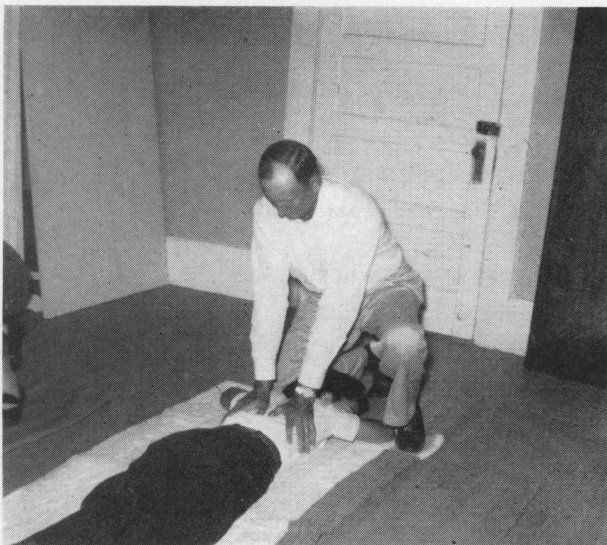
PUBLIC FACILITIES

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO HELPED TO:

Obtain and maintain public roads . . .	2,019
Obtain rural electrification	1,309
Obtain mail route or school bus	904
Obtain, improve community buildings	1,684
Paint and name mail boxes	1,175
Make signs for entrances	1,005
Improve the cemetery	1,859
Clean fence rows	1,924

FIRST AID AND SAFETY

648 FAMILIES
 RECEIVED TRAINING
 IN
 FIRST AID



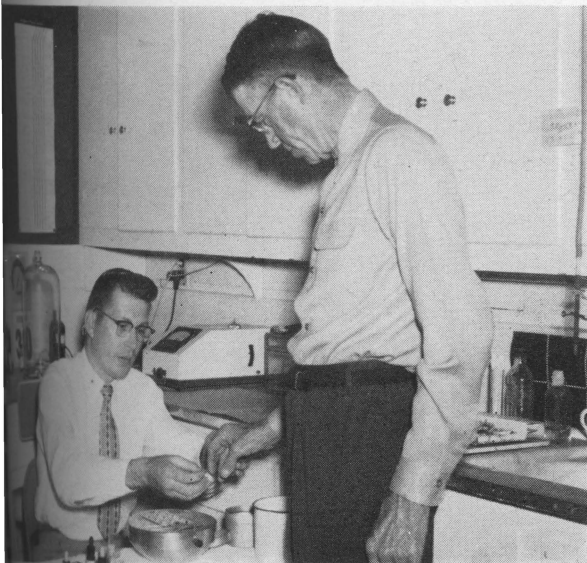
OTHER SAFETY WORK

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO:

Checked safety hazards	2,967
Eliminated safety hazards	2,475
Practiced fire prevention	2,267
Planned and trained for Civil Defense	830
Provided safe pen for herd sire	581
Took part in campaign for safe handling of firearms	1,808

FOOD

2,943 PLANNED THEIR MEALS
 BY
 THE TEXAS FOOD STANDARD
 AND
 2,105 FAMILIES CONSERVED
 A MINIMUM OF
 100 CONTAINERS FOOD



MEDICAL FACILITIES AND SERVICE

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO TOOK PART IN:

Cancer clinic	936
Tuberculosis clinic	1,993
Pre-parental clinic	353
Having annual physical examination	1,974

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO HAD:

Health and accident insurance	1,655
Trained in home nursing	538
Helped to establish community aid station	381



FAMILY MONEY MANAGEMENT

2,933 FAMILIES

PLANNED TOGETHER

FOR

SPENDING MONEY

OTHER FAMILY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

NUMBER OF FAMILIES WHO TOGETHER:

Made savings and investments	2,344
Obtained and used credit	2,712
Bought insurance	2,809
Managed bank account	2,449
Kept records	2,363
Made a will	490



Communities Included in Survey

District	Community	County	District	Community	County		
1	Black	Parmer	10	Pollok	Angelina		
	Fairview	Armstrong		Ellwood	Madison		
	Sunnyside	Castro		McMahan	Caldwell		
Jumbo	Castro	Dale	Caldwell				
2	Pleasant Valley	Lamb	11	Delhi	Caldwell		
	New Home	Lynn		Uhland	Hays-Caldwell		
	Harmony	Floyd		Belmont	Gonzales		
3	Friberg-Cooper	Wichita	12	Reliance	Brazos		
	City View	Wichita		New Bielau	Colorado		
	Clara Fairview	Wichita		Zimmerscheidt	Colorado		
	Windthorst	Archer		Shining Star	Jackson		
4	Zion Hill	Parker	Northern	Big Foot	Frio		
	Peeltown	Kaufman		Stillman Tract	Willacy		
	Becker	Kaufman		Mirando City	Webb		
	Grays Prairie	Kaufman		Walnut Hill	Jasper		
	Cottonwood	Kaufman		Rockhill	Jasper		
	Warsaw	Kaufman		Beech Grove	Jasper		
	White Hall	Kaufman		Fouke	Wood		
	Jiba	Kaufman		Muddy Creek	Wood		
	Hiram	Kaufman		New Zion	Marion		
	Allens Point	Fannin		Mt. Pleasant	Marion		
	Jacobia	Hunt		Wilson	Kaufman		
	Marysville	Cooke		Holland Quarters	Panola		
	Sivells Bend	Cooke		Bethel	Anderson		
	Downard-Fairplains	Cooke		Neylandville	Hunt		
	Chatfield-Tupelo	Navarro		Rosedale	Bowie		
Corbet	Navarro	Oak Grove	Bowie				
Pursley	Navarro	Pleasant Hill	Harrison				
5	Caviness-Emberson	Lamar	Southern	Highlight	Titus		
	Ambia	Lamar		New Salem	Rusk		
	Mt. Maxey	Lamar		Pine Springs	Smith		
	Tigertown	Lamar		Mt. Olive	Smith		
	Gafford Chapel	Hopkins		Sweet Home	Guadalupe		
	Brinker	Hopkins		Zion Hill	Guadalupe		
	Pine Forest	Hopkins		Nash Creek	Guadalupe		
	Branom	Hopkins		Capote	Guadalupe		
	Reilly Springs	Hopkins		Iago-Boling-New Gulf	Wharton		
Midway	Red River	Boon Bend	Wharton				
6	Valley View	Midland	7	Hungerford	Wharton		
	Bandera	Bandera		Mt. Cillia	Wharton		
7	Valley Springs	Llano	8	West End	Wharton		
	Pleasant Hill-Rocky	Llano		Beck's Prairie-Dale	Caldwell		
	Prairie Mountain	Llano		Daniel Chapel	Caldwell		
	Lone Grove	Llano		St. John Colony	Caldwell		
	Post Oak	Blanco		Union Hill	Caldwell		
	Sandy	Blanco		Pleasant Green	Victoria		
	8	Stag Creek		Comanche	9	Mission Valley	Victoria
		Soda Springs		Comanche		Needville	Fort Bend
Van Dyke		Comanche	Kendleton	Fort Bend			
Amity		Comanche	Fish Creek	Falls			
Nimrod		Eastland	Black Berry	Grimes			
Armstrong		Bell	Roans Prairie	Grimes			
Otto		Bell	Bethel Grove	Grimes			
Williams	Falls	Elm Mott	McLennan				
9	Tennessee Colony	Brown	10	Axtell	McLennan		
	Harmony	Anderson		Willow Grove	McLennan		
	Silas	Anderson		Bailey's Prairie	Brazoria		
	Arcadia	Shelby		Jerusalem	Brazoria		
	Paxton	Shelby		Sandy Point	Brazoria		
	Crockett	Shelby		Sandy	Limestone		
	Percilla	Shelby		Kosse	Limestone		
	County Line	Houston		Dabney Hill	Burleson		
	Pearson Chapel	Houston		Ward Bend	Austin		
					Two Mile	Milam	

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