



CHAPMAN'S GENERAL STORE

Seabrook, Tex., 1925. Chapman's had mightnear everything you'd be needing. It was nothing to find yourself a pair of work britches, some laced-up shoes and maybe even a fancy belt with a big brass buckle.

That's Alice Chapman in the picture. She was Winnie's ma who looked after the place when Winnie wasn't around. It was Winnie's store you know. Started it up from nothing, and did a

dadburned good job of it too.

If you look over there to the left you'll see Jeff Leff's head sticking up behind the counter. He was one of the salesmen who came calling every once in a while. And when he did, he'd bring news of stuff going on up in Houston or over in LaPorte or just about anywhere. And if he didn't know something, he'd find out and let you know the next time he came through.



**LEAGUE CITY
BROWNS**

League City, Tex., 1910. There's nothing better than a good ol' baseball game, and anytime you can get a bunch of guys together you'll

have just that.

Everette Hanson Sr. used to pitch for this ball club and did pretty good too. Oh, he didn't do nothing fancy like striking out a bunch or beating the tar out of a team,

but he liked pitching and that's what counted.

The Browns played anyone who could muster up a team, and quite a few other towns around Clear Lake did. Pearland was one,

and so was Seabrook. When they all got together, it usually took all afternoon. Most times it took as long getting to these places as it did playing.



STORM DAMAGE

Galveston, Tex., 1915. This hurricane was just about as

bad as the one in 1900. The folks were ready this time, or so they thought. They had built themselves a seawall along the beach, but dang if the storm didn't just crunch

it up like it was nothing.

Causeway didn't fare too well neither. High water washed the roadbeds smooth out.

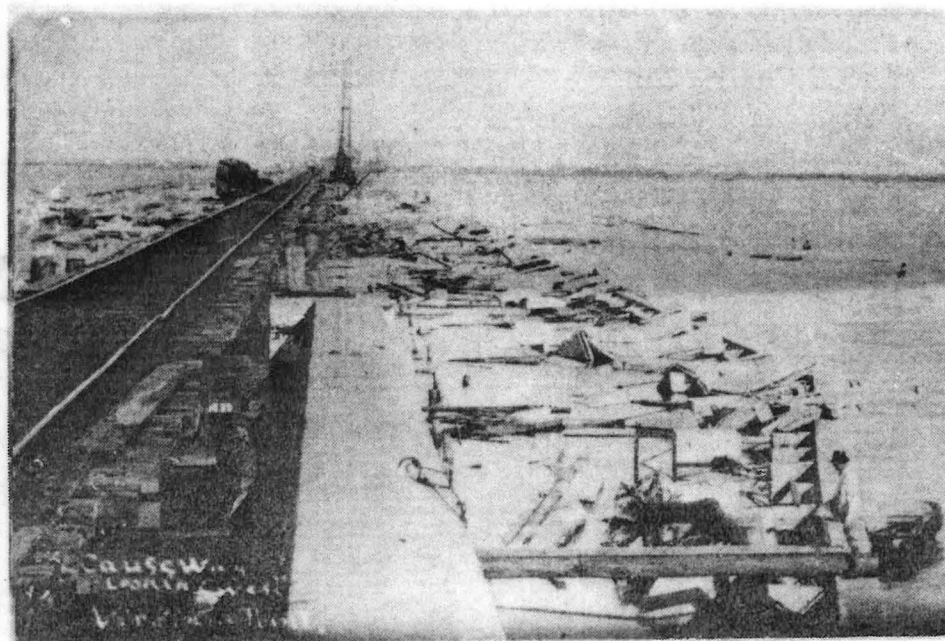
Everyone knew it was

coming, but lawdy, how in tarnation do you get yourself ready for something like that. About the only thing you can do is tie everything down and hope for the best.

And when it does hit, you never really know how bad it's going to be. Like the conductor on the Interurban in the picture. You know darn well he wouldn't have tried

to cross the causeway if he knew what was coming.

But it's all over. Time now to put things back together and get ready for the next one.





LEAGUE CITY HOTEL

League City, Tex., 1914. It was up yonder a ways. Up by the livery stable. Rooms were clean, soft beds and for two-bits more you could get yourself a water bowl and a clean towel. For 50 cents they'd draw you a bath.

League City weren't no one-horse town back then. It had grown up real nice. There was ranching and farming and even some lumber

business. It was a place to go to buy your woman some silk, or get yourself a chaw of tobacco or have some work done on your wagon. There was a doc's office, a drug store and a couple fine eating places.

But getting back to the hotel. It was nice. If you were just passing through or waiting for the morning train, it was a good spot to take off your boots and rest a spell.



Everybody gathered out front of the Kemah School for their graduation picture. Their commencement program is below.

Faculty

Miss Kathleen E. Bradford, Principal
Miss Myrtle V. Lindley, Assistant

Commencement Program

KEMAH SCHOOL, 1914—1915

Our Motto: "I press toward the mark."
Class Colors: White and Gold.

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| 1 | Salutatory | Ruth Weekes |
| 2 | "When the Teacher Gets Cross" | Edward Triplett |
| 3 | "Geography" | Song |
| | Edward Triplett, Bessie Latimer, Howard Youmans, Francis Harvey and Glenn Brooks | |
| 4 | "A Terrible Mistake" | Theoline Pemberton |
| 5 | Tableau | "The Flower of the Family" |
| 6 | "The Booster" | August Strading |
| 7 | Flag Drill and Song | Primary Children |
| 8 | "I got to go to School" | Howard Youmans |
| 9 | Tableau | "The Faultless Pupil" |
| 10 | "Keeping Holiday" | Bessie Latimer |
| 11 | Tableau | "The Soldier's Dream" |
| 12 | "A Small Boy's Troubles" | Francis Harvey |
| 13 | Song, "Santa Lucia" | Miss Isabel Weekes |
| 14 | Peach Blossom Drill and Song | Eight Little Girls |
| 15 | Tableau | (1) "Courtship" (2) "Matrimony" |
| 16 | "School Friends" | Elva Kipp |
| 17 | Tableau | "The Class Pets" |
| 18 | "The Last Piece of Cake" | Alice Harvey |
| 19 | Tableau | "Music," "Song" and "Dance" |
| 20 | "Grandmother's Rose Jar" | Eight Girls |
| 21 | Presentation of Certificates | |
| 22 | Class Poem | Maurine Lawrence |

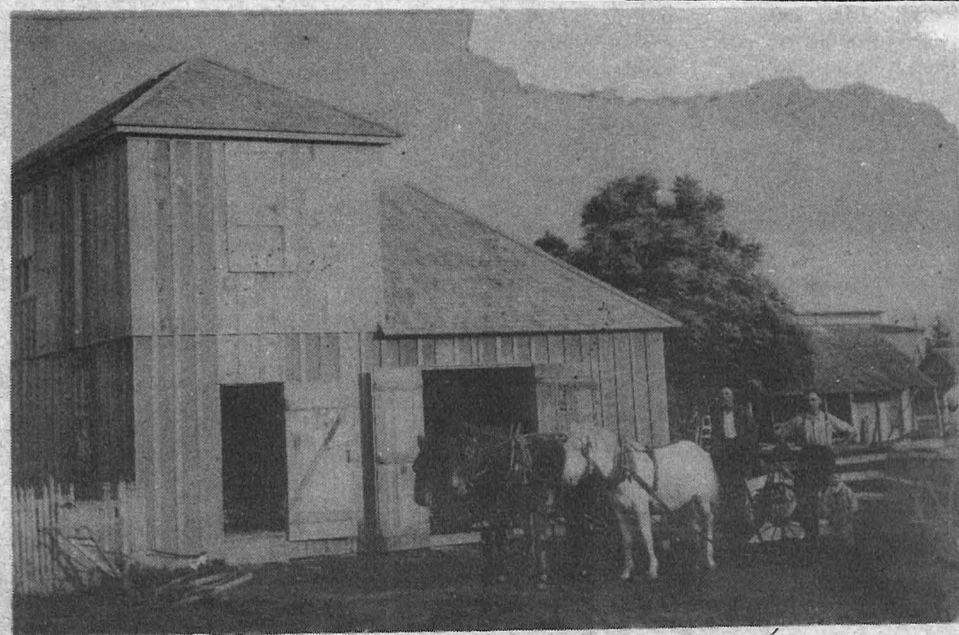
Class Exercises

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| 1 | Class Representative Essay | Earl Hodson |
| 2 | L'Envoi | George Triplett |
| 3 | Class History | Chester Lawrence |
| 4 | Class Paper | August Strading |
| 5 | Presentation of Diplomas | |
| 6 | Class Prophecy | Maude Bludorn |
| 7 | Valedictory | Cyril Harvey |
| 8 | Song, "Just a Bit of Cloth, But It's Red, White and Blue" | School |
| 9 | Parting Song, "Auld Lang Syne" | School |



SHIPYARDS

Seabrook, Tex., 1914. Don't rightly know which one of the Platzer boys this was, but he ran the shipyards just up this side of the creek. He was just down a ways from the railroad bridge.



HANSON'S FARM

League City, Tex., 1900. Andrew L. Hanson's place was about a mile east of town. You know how you go on to Kemah? Well, it's just up this was on the gully. Can't miss it. It's there on your left.



SEABROOK HUNTING AND FISHING LODGE

This big ol' place was right up on Todville, just down from Rachael's on 10th Street. The first floor was the livery stable, the second was the dining room and the top floor the sleeping rooms. You could see it from way out in the bay. The 1915 hurricane knocked it down and they never rebuilt it.



TRUCK GROWERS ASSOCIATION

Seabrook, 1910. Members of the Texas Truck Growers Association stopped off at Seabrook on their way to a convention in

Galveston. There was quite a reception. They had things to eat, they drank a bit, somebody got up and made a speech, then everybody climbed aboard the train and away they went.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN.

Gout

- Dissolve half an ounce of camphor in three ounces of alcohol; add one gill of boiling water; rub it on as hot as can be borne; or,
Take oil of lavender, half an ounce; Sul. ether, four ounces; alcohol, two ounces. Rub on the affected parts; you will soon find relief.

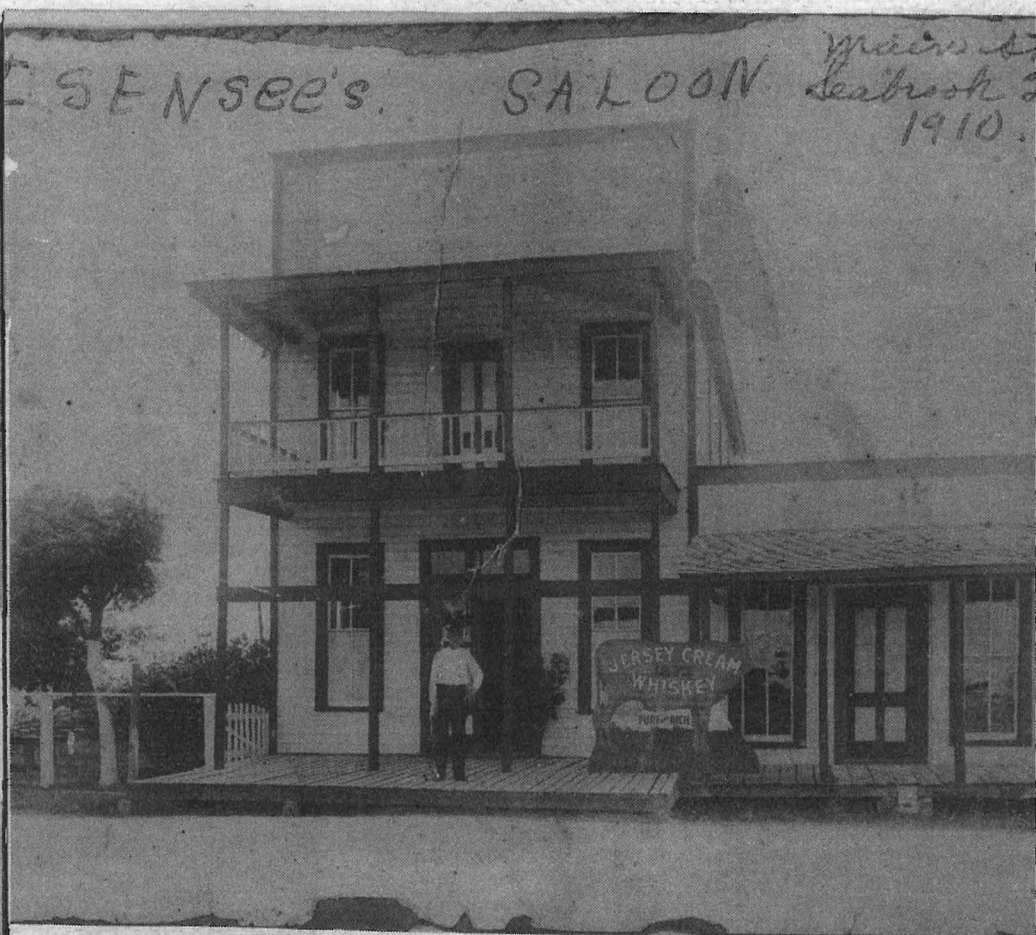
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ISENSEE'S SALOON

Seabrook, Tex., 1909. This town has always been a bayshore resort and fishing village. That's what it was when it started. A feller by the name of Seabrook Syd-

nor came up from Galveston a few years before and put things together. He bought up all the land around the bay and the lake and sold off lots to wealthy folks from Houston.

Mister Isensee came down and built himself a place right up on main street, just down from the depot, and opened a swank saloon. In no time, everybody knew where his place was.



PUBLIC BOAT RAMP

Seabrook, Tex., 1909. If you were looking to go fishing, you might stop yonder at the public ramp and talk to a feller by the name of Nick Hammer. He had everything you needed.

Boats. Poles. Buckets. Everything. And he'd even tell you where they were biting.

This picture was taken while looking out towards the bay from up on the railroad bridge. That's Kemah off there to the right, and see those boats down

there on the left. Those are Nick's. Don't look like much but they sure could tote a mess of trout.

There was no other bridge across the creek back then. If you wanted to cross over in your buggy, you had to use the ferry. Didn't cost nothing. It was free.

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