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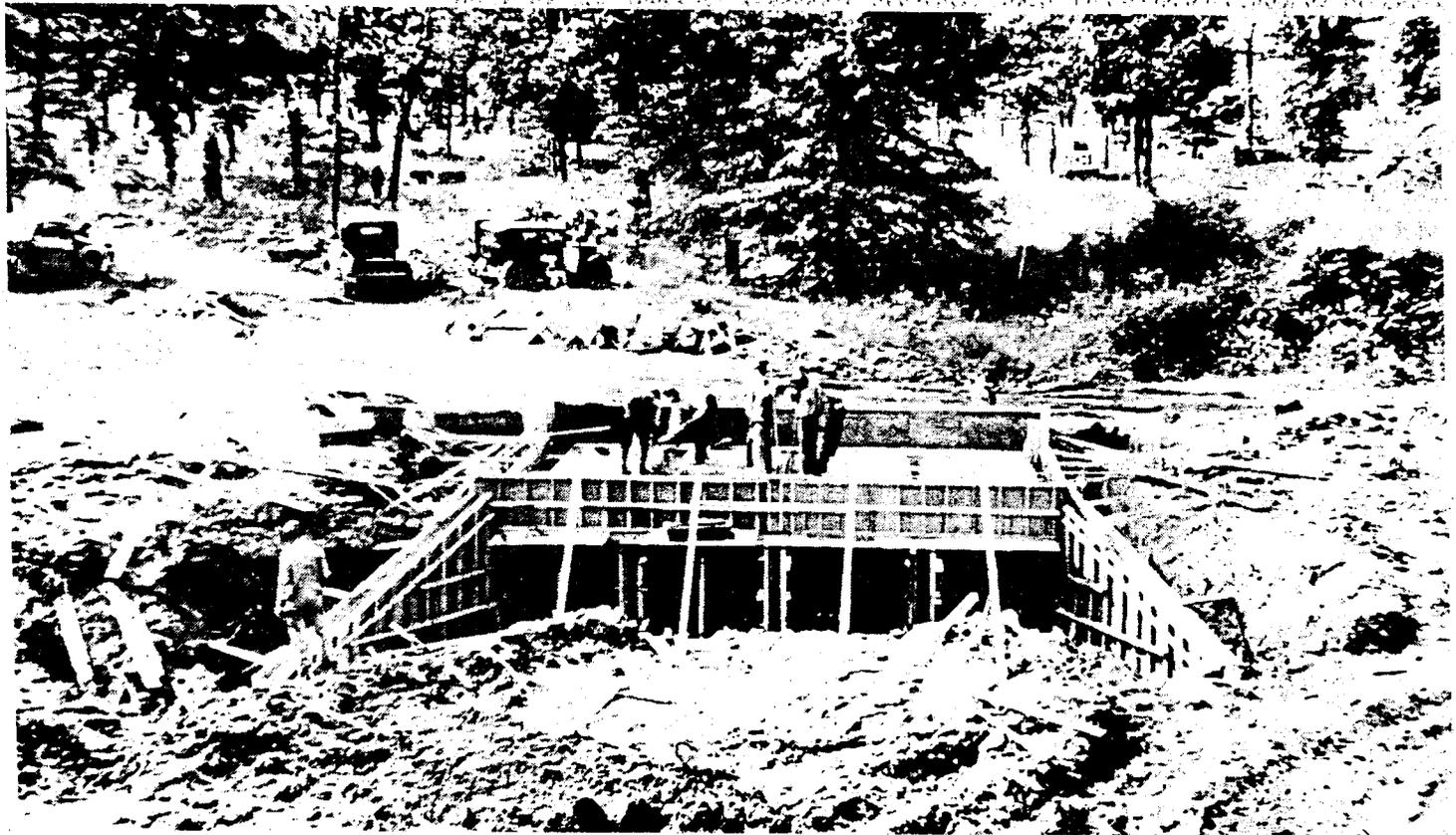
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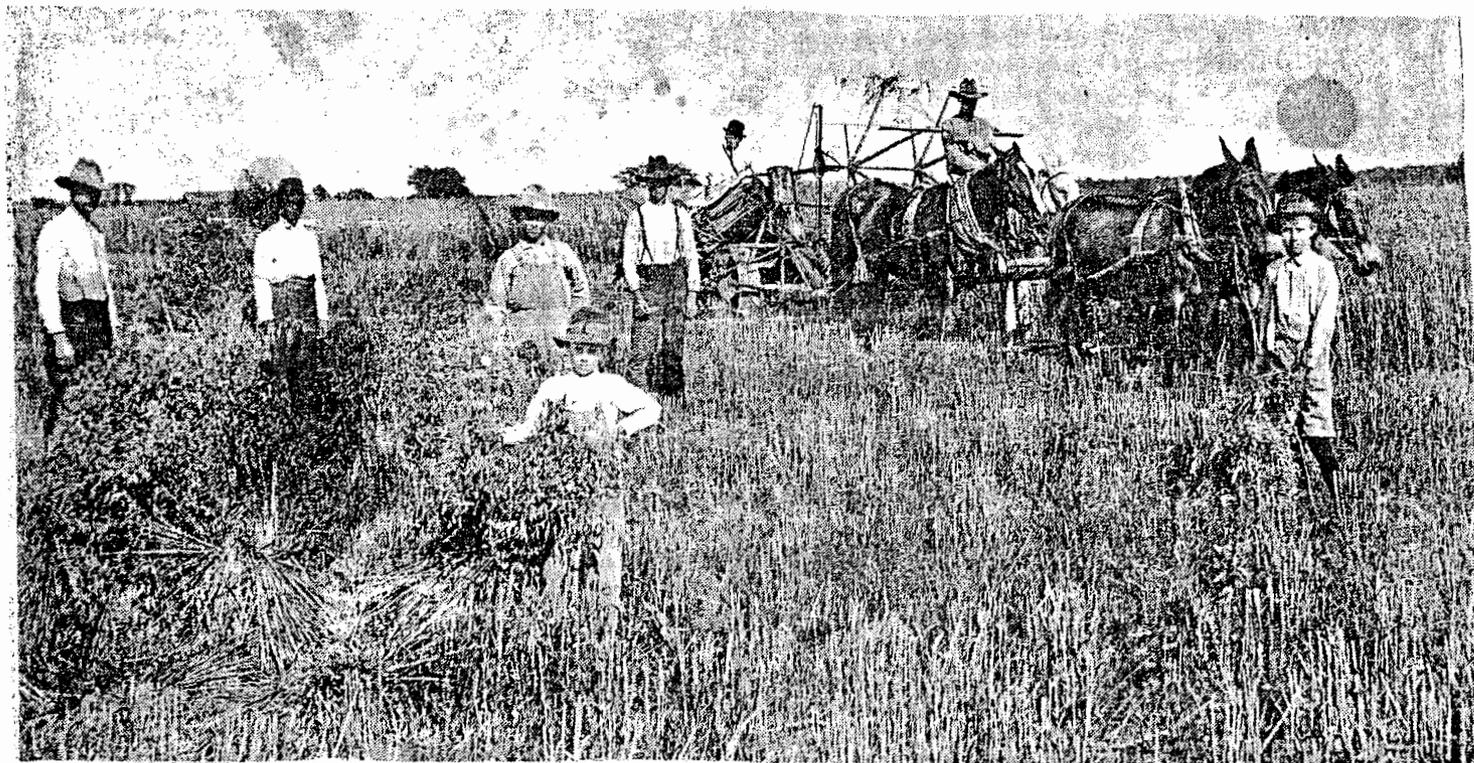
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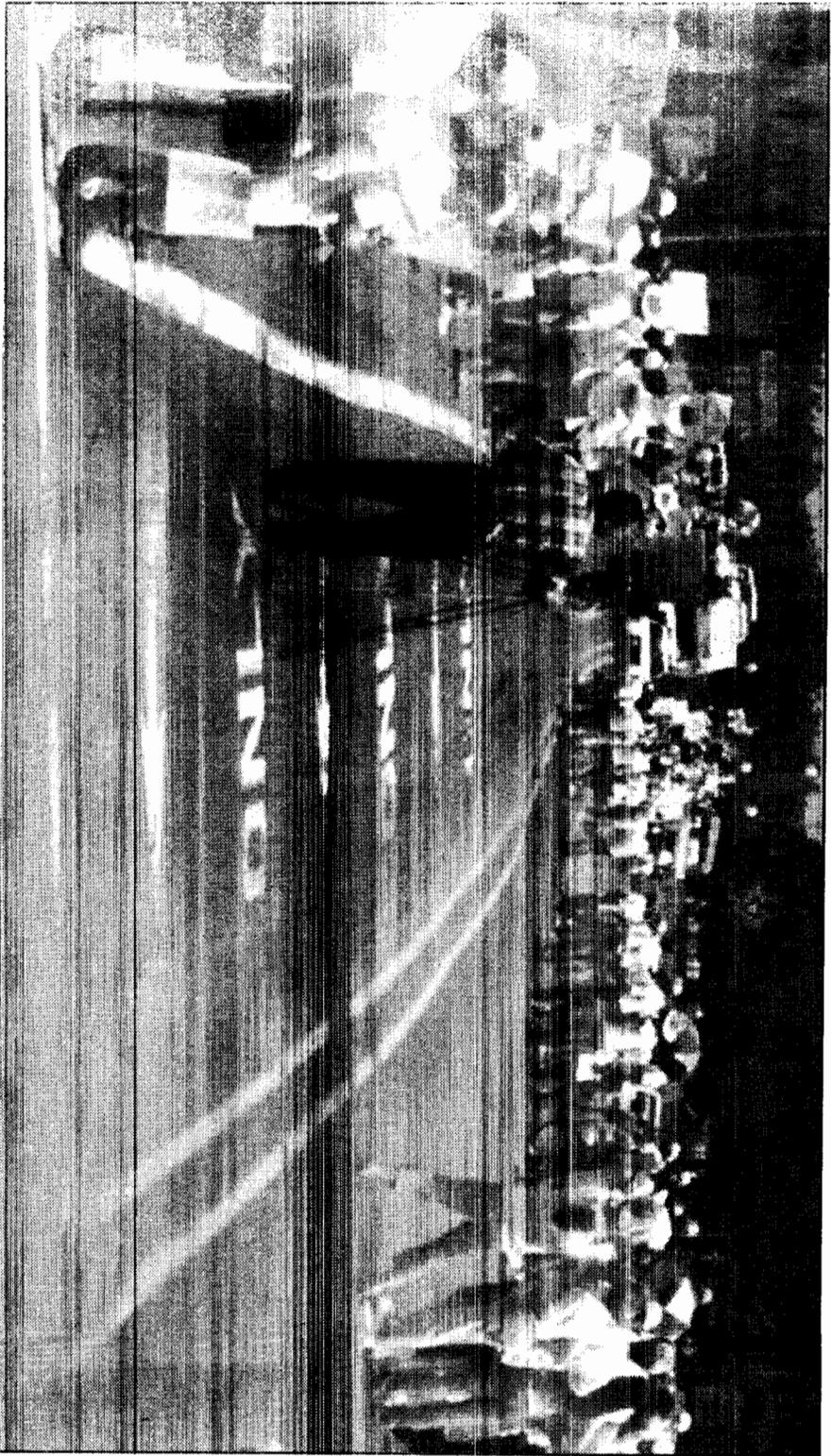
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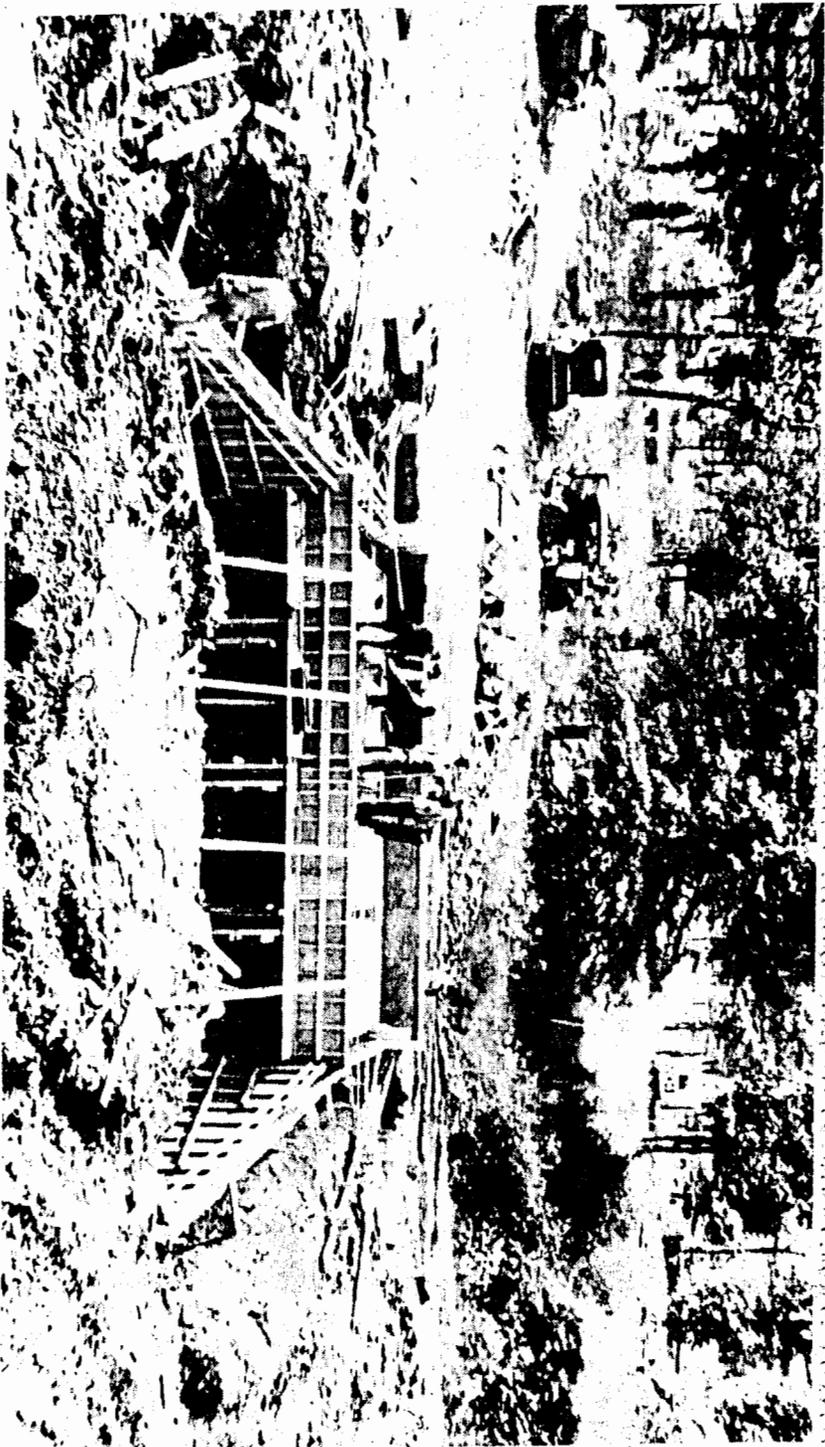
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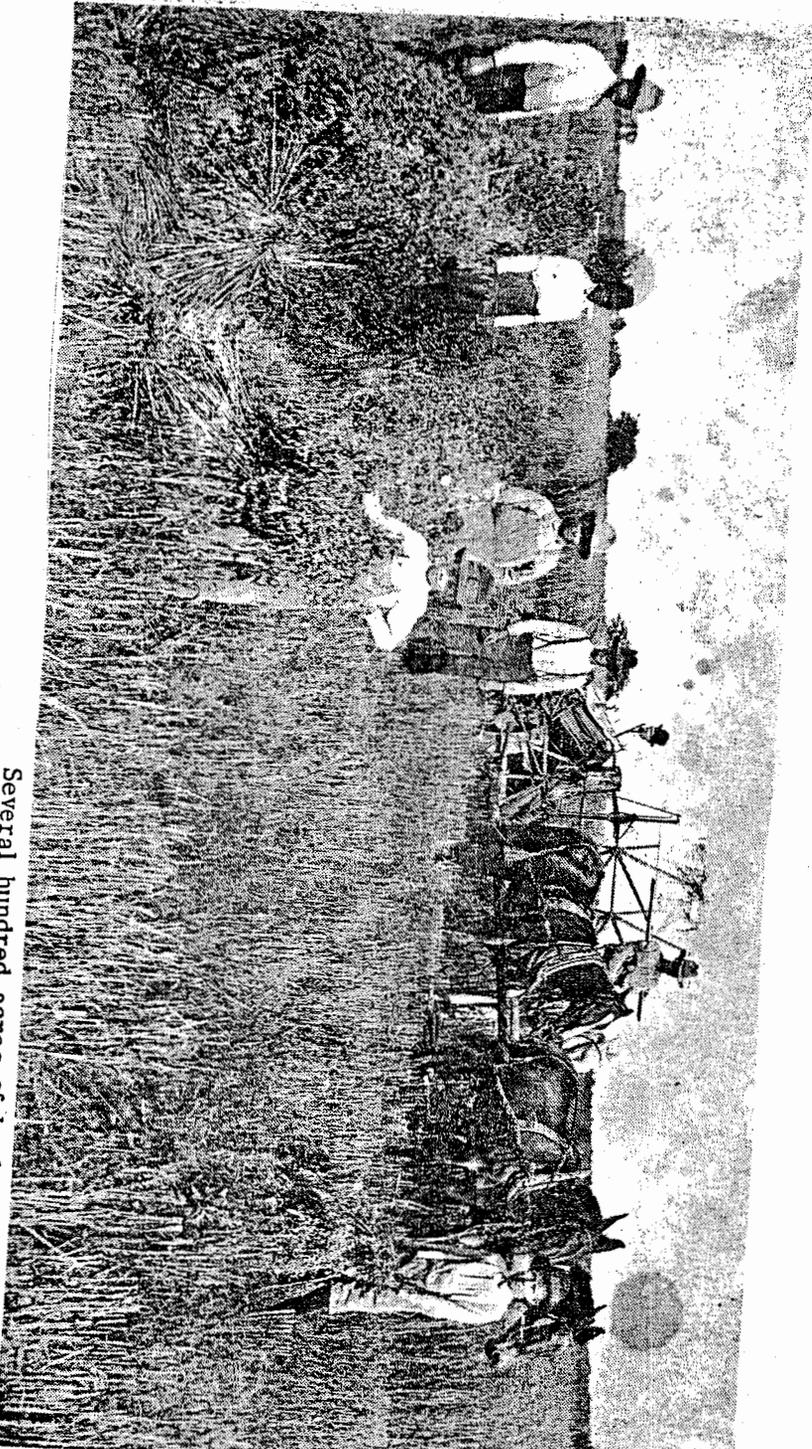
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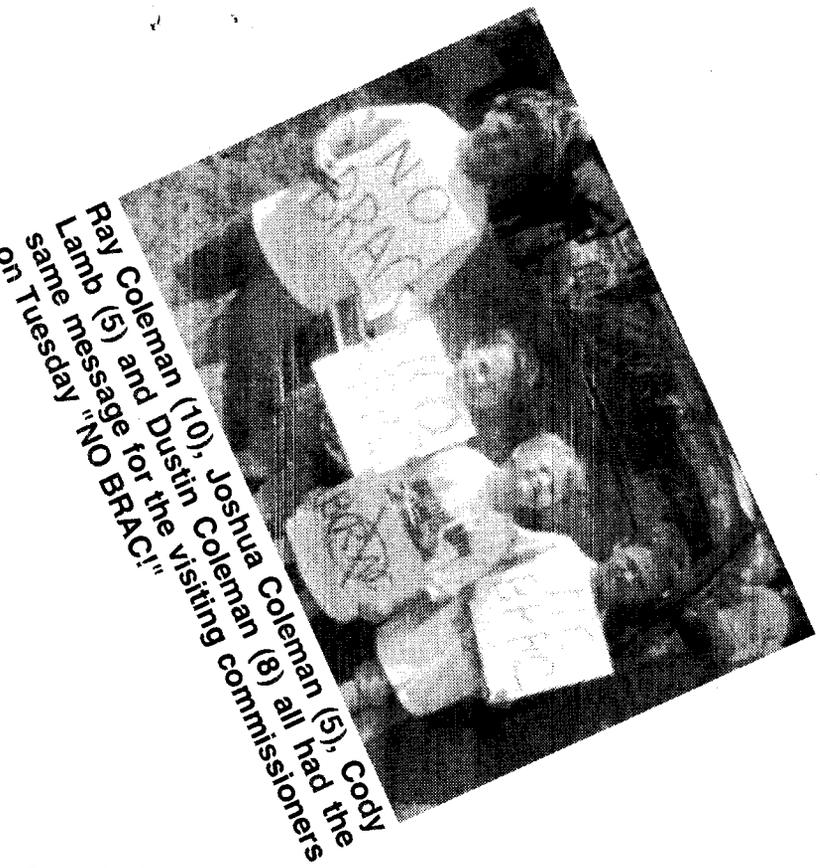
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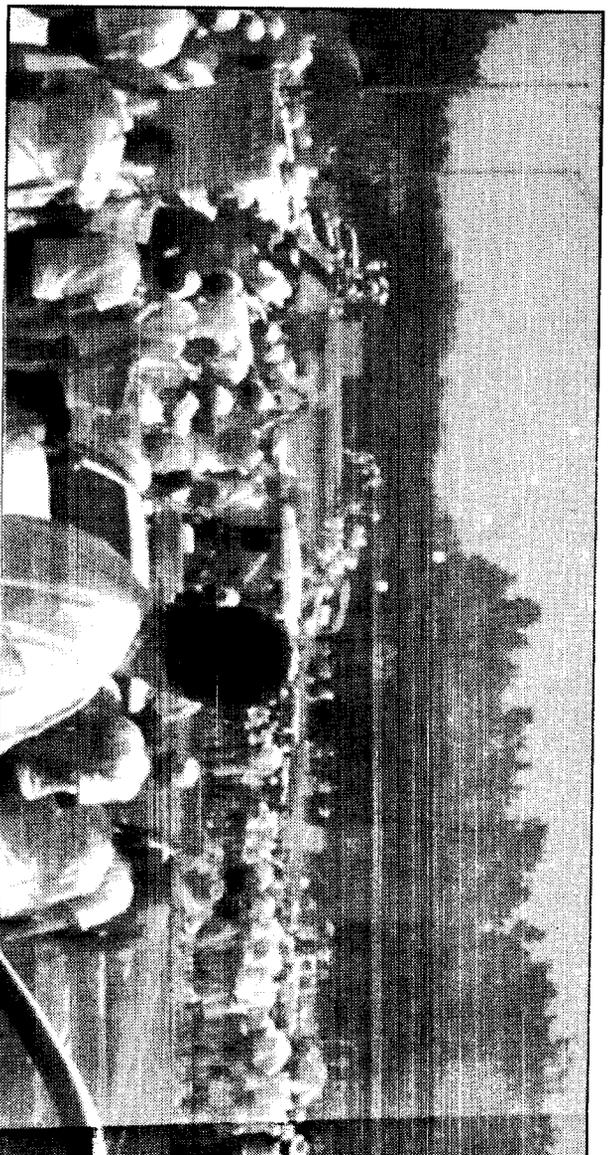
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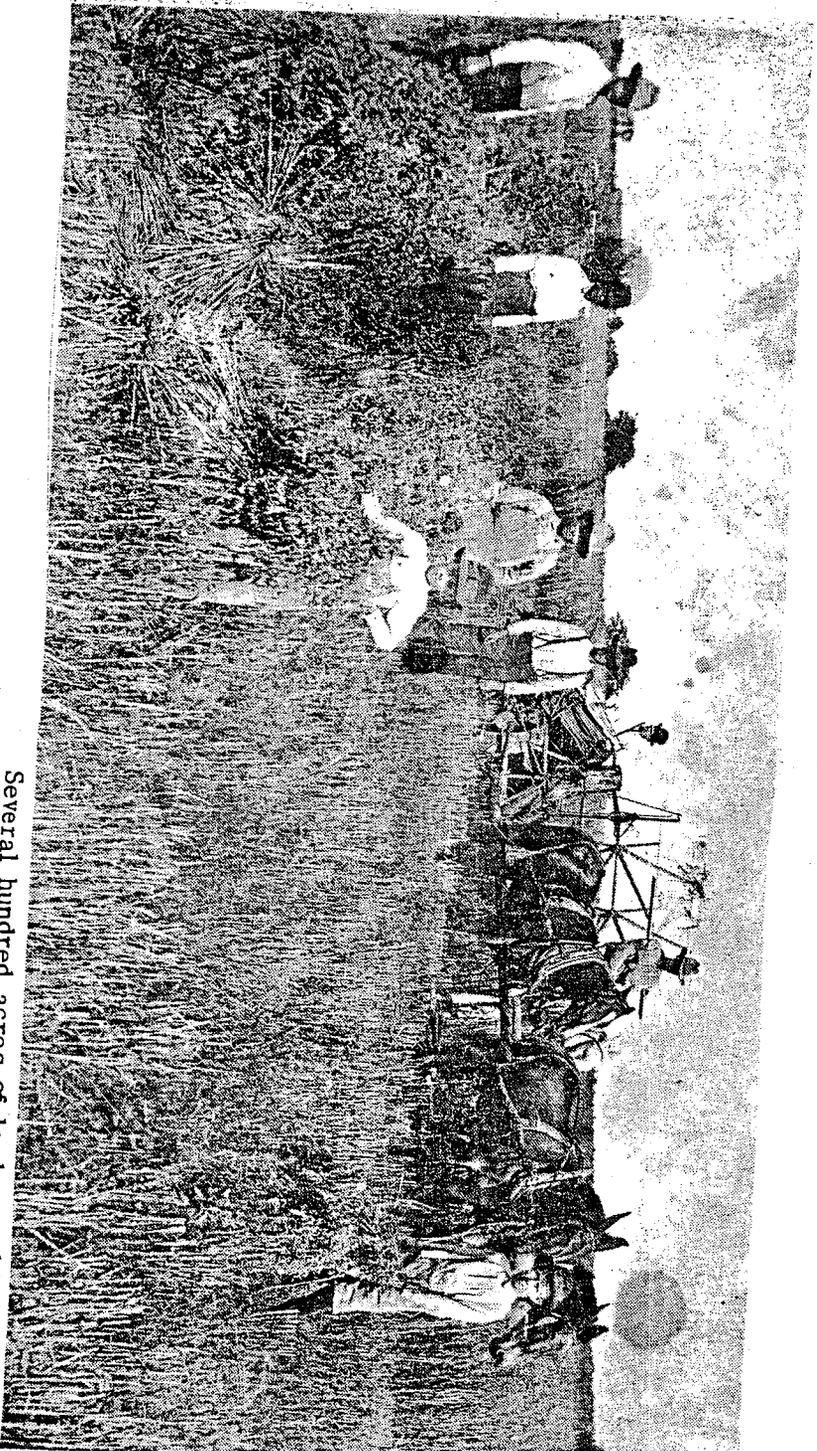
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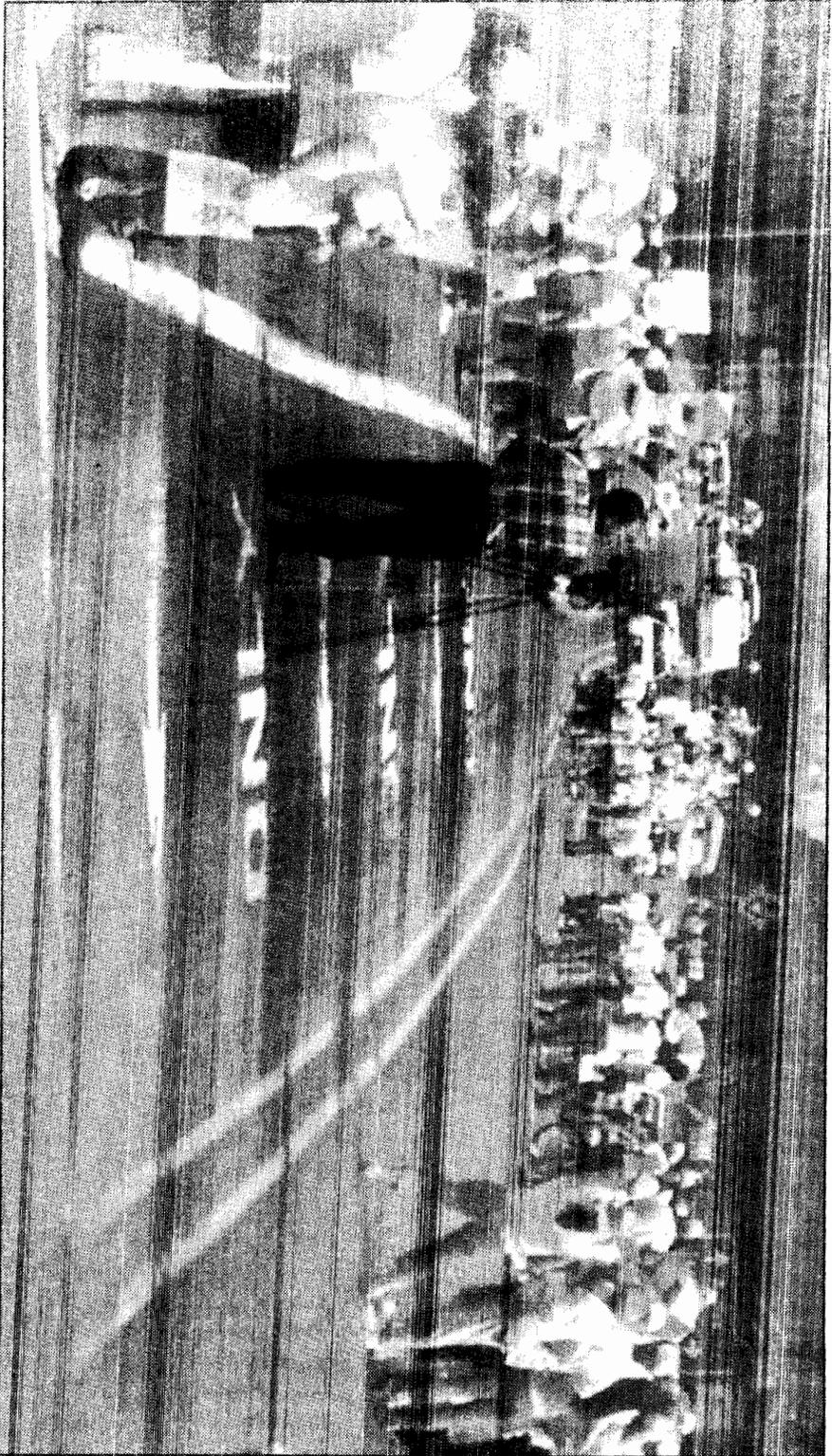
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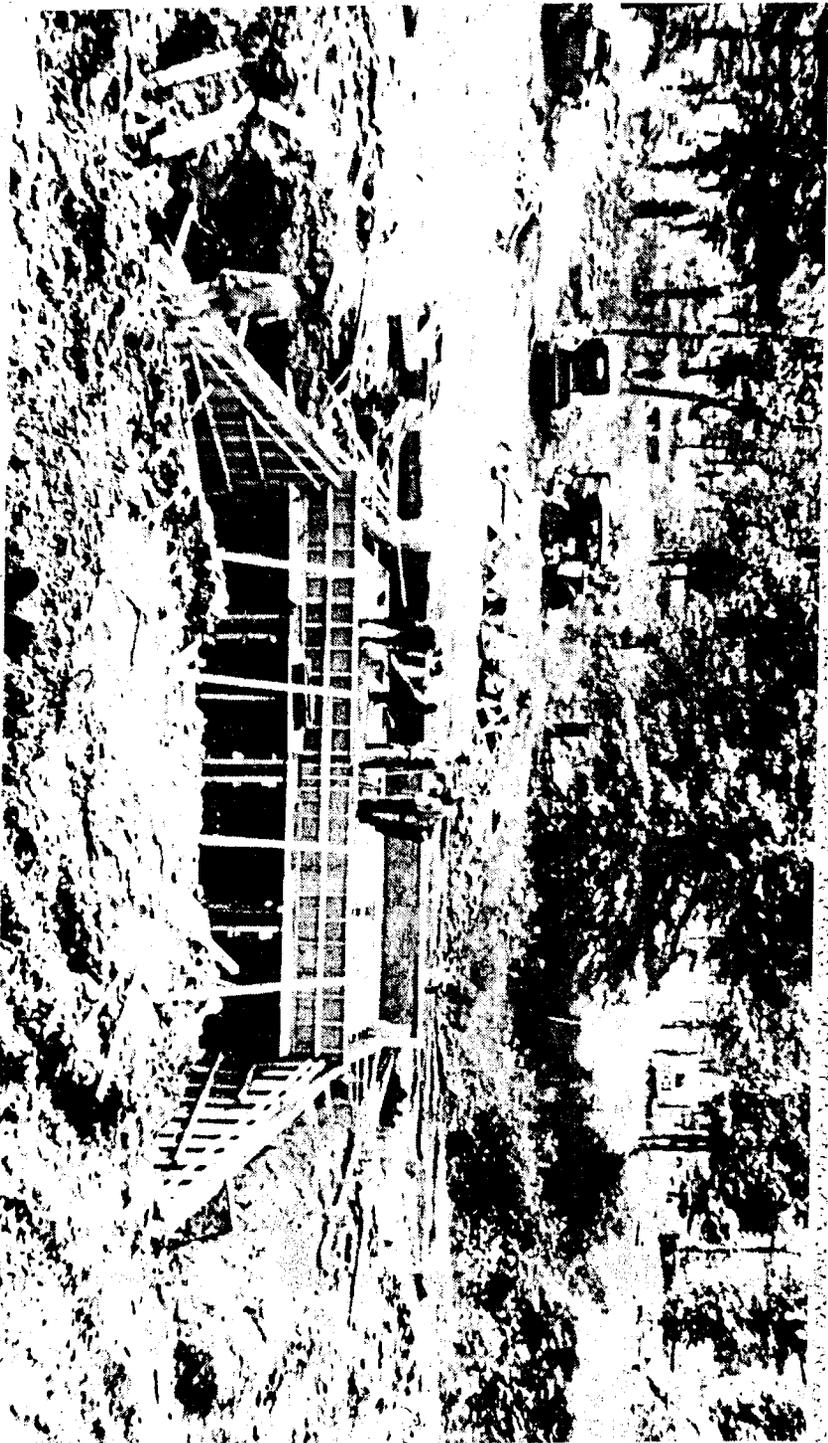
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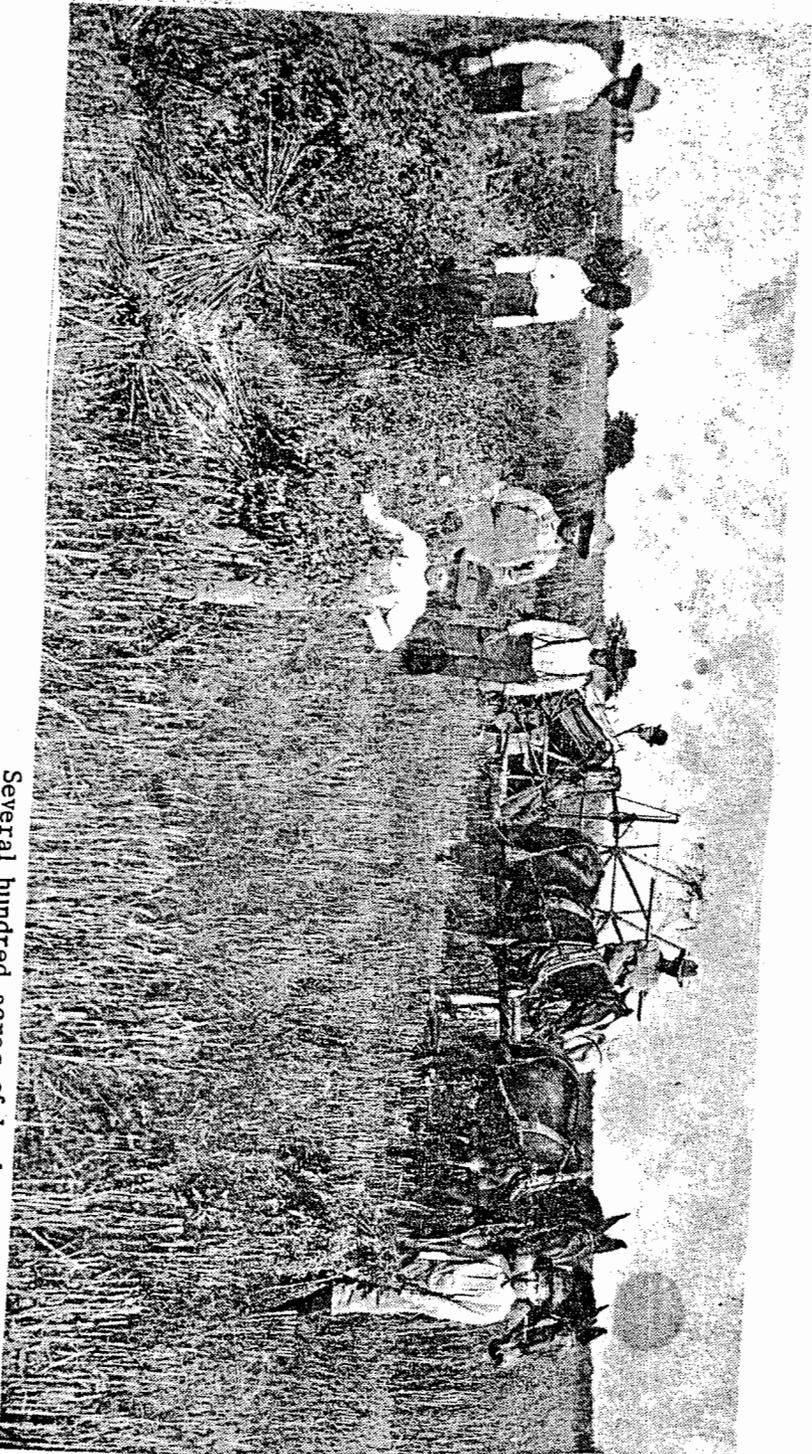
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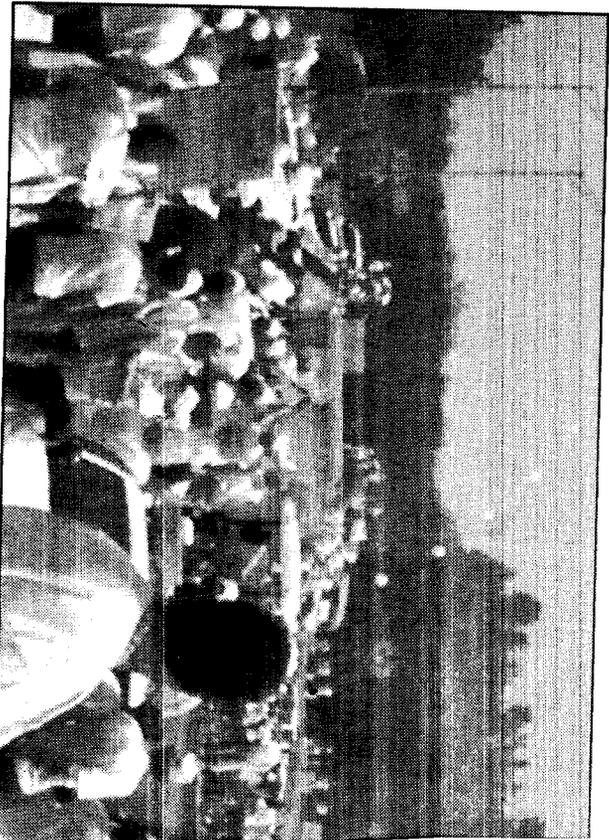
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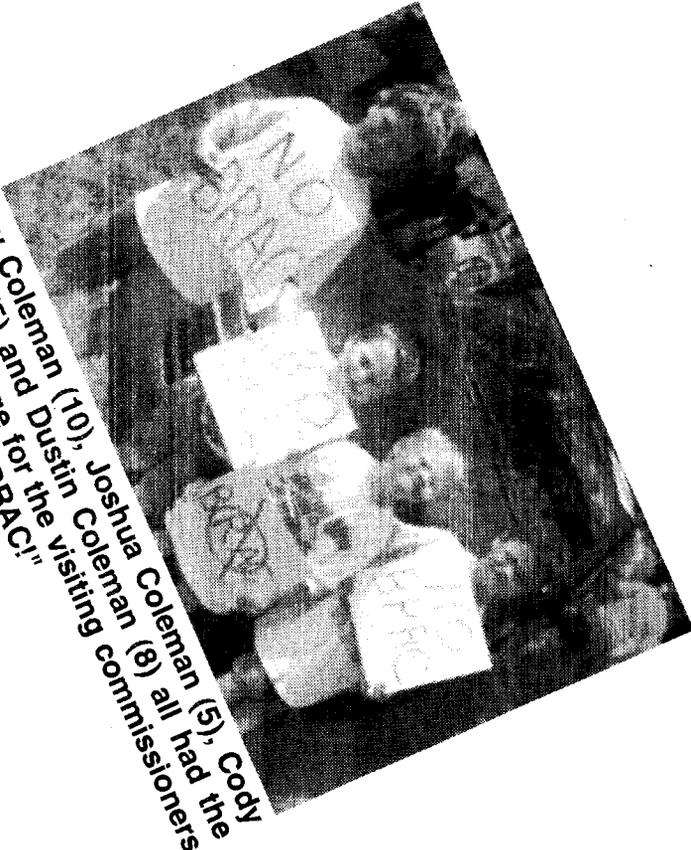
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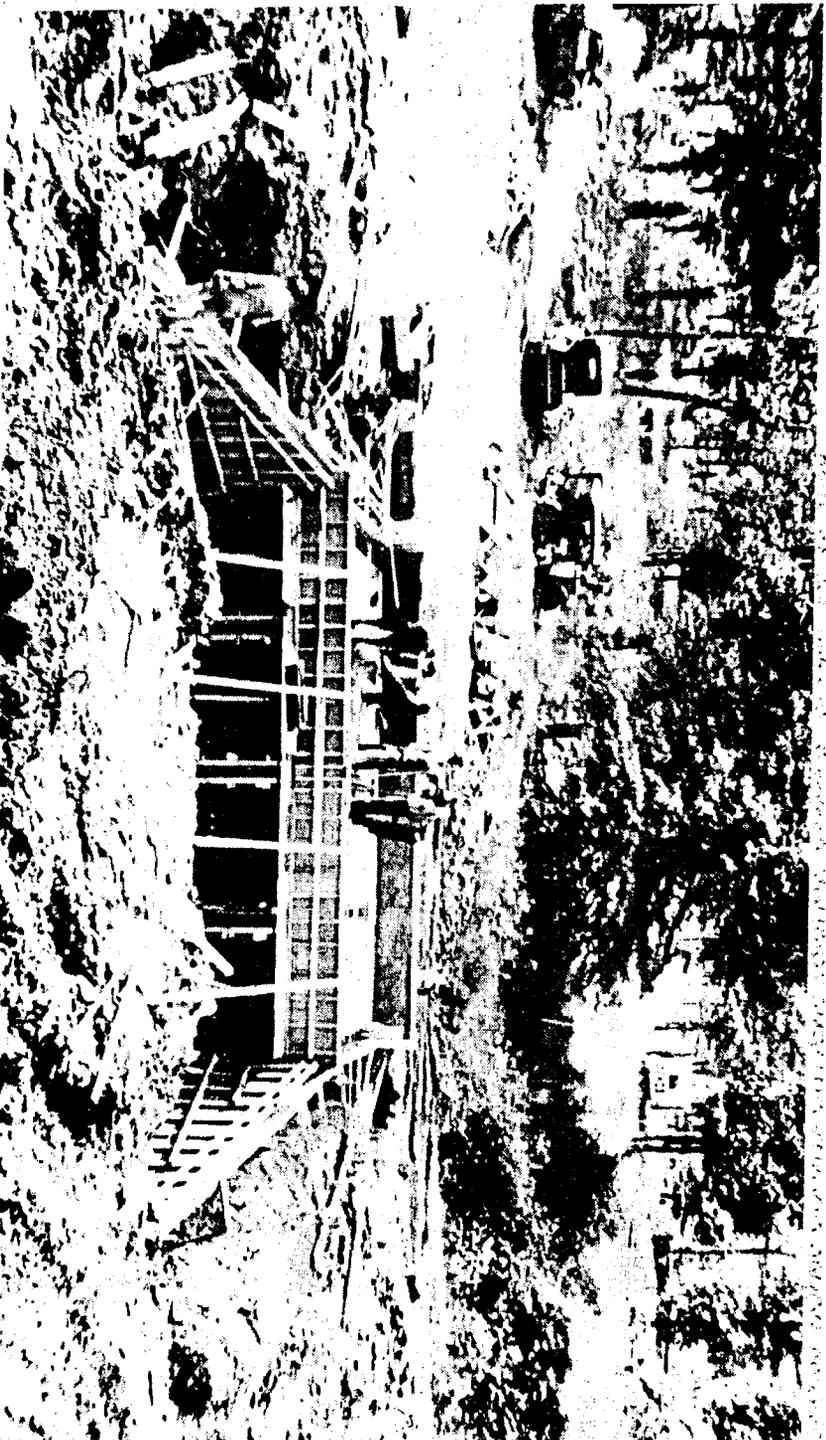
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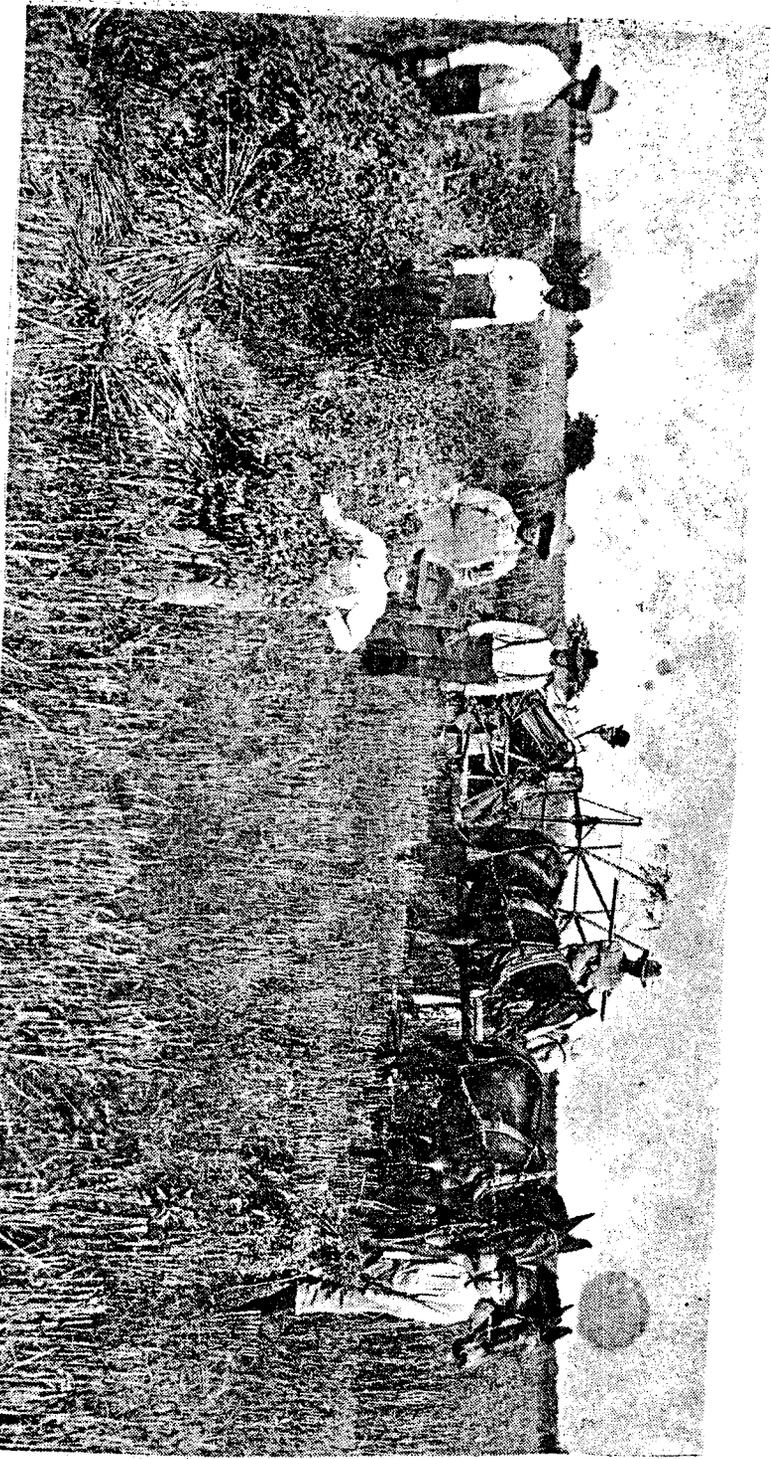
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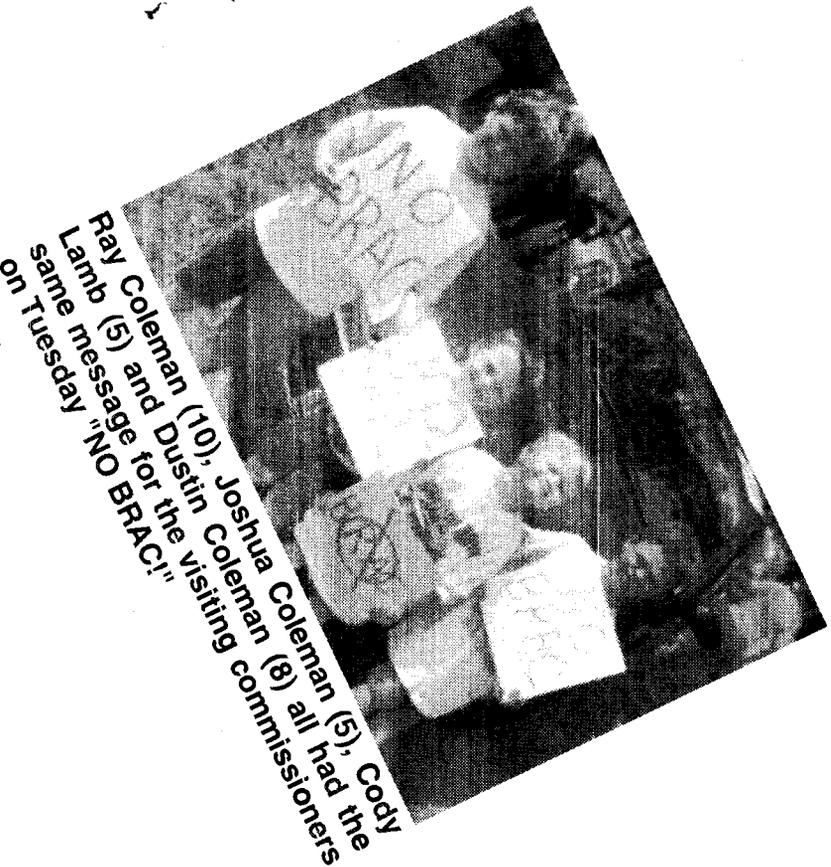
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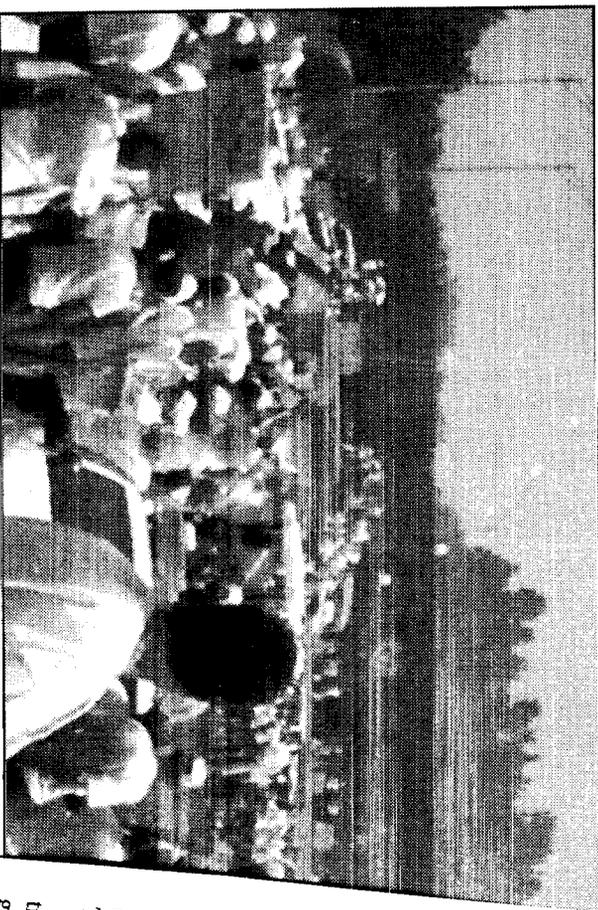
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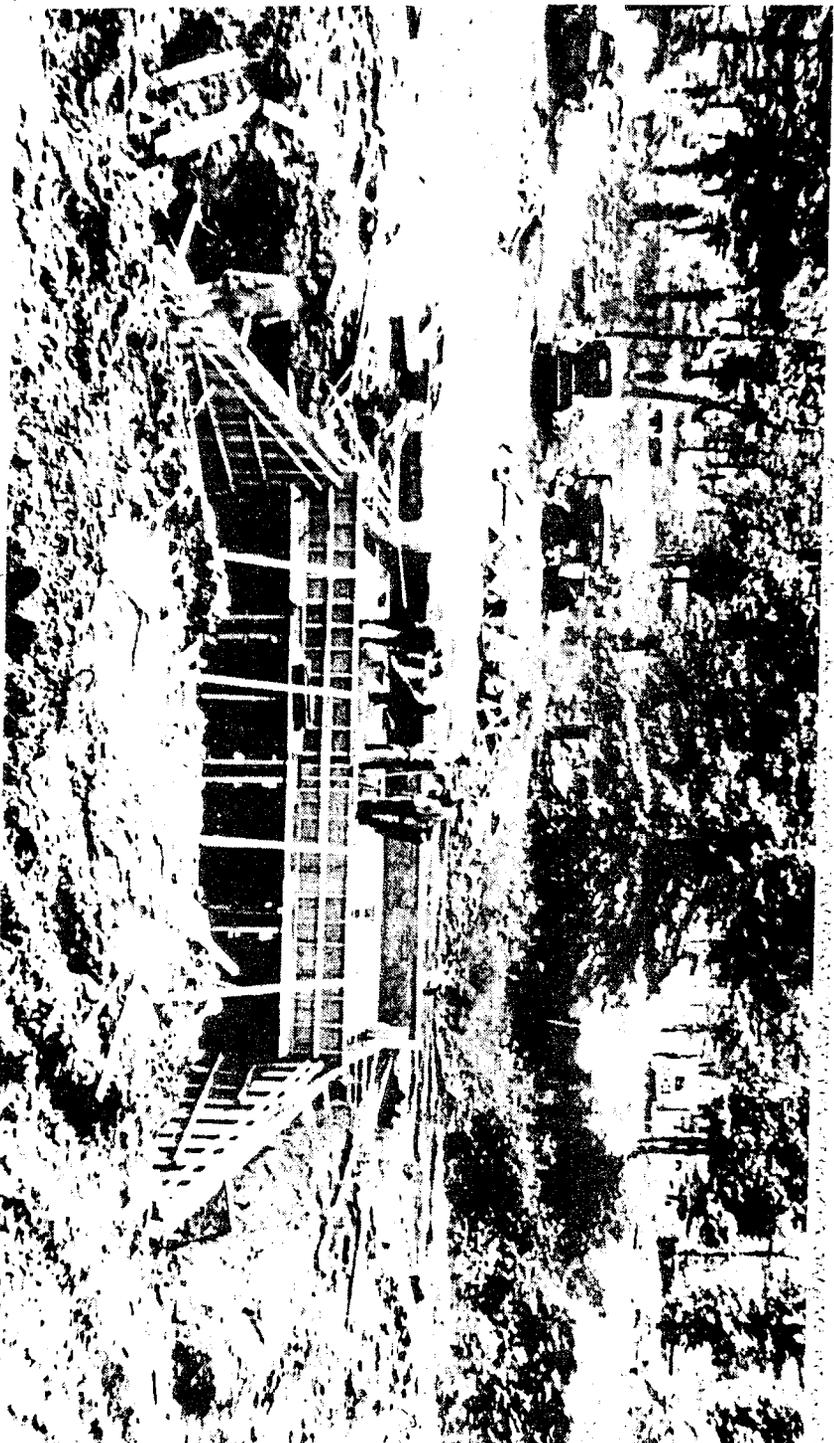
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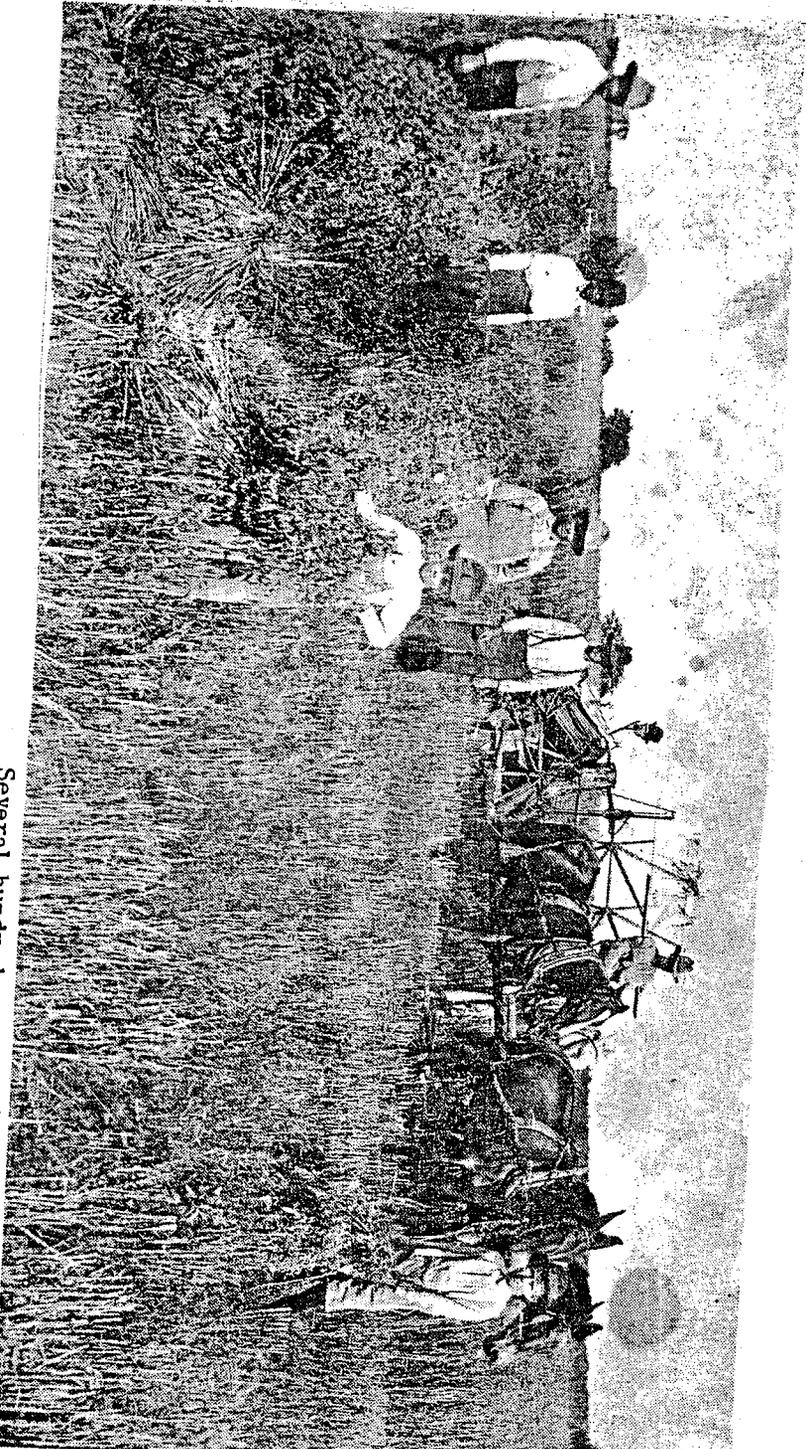
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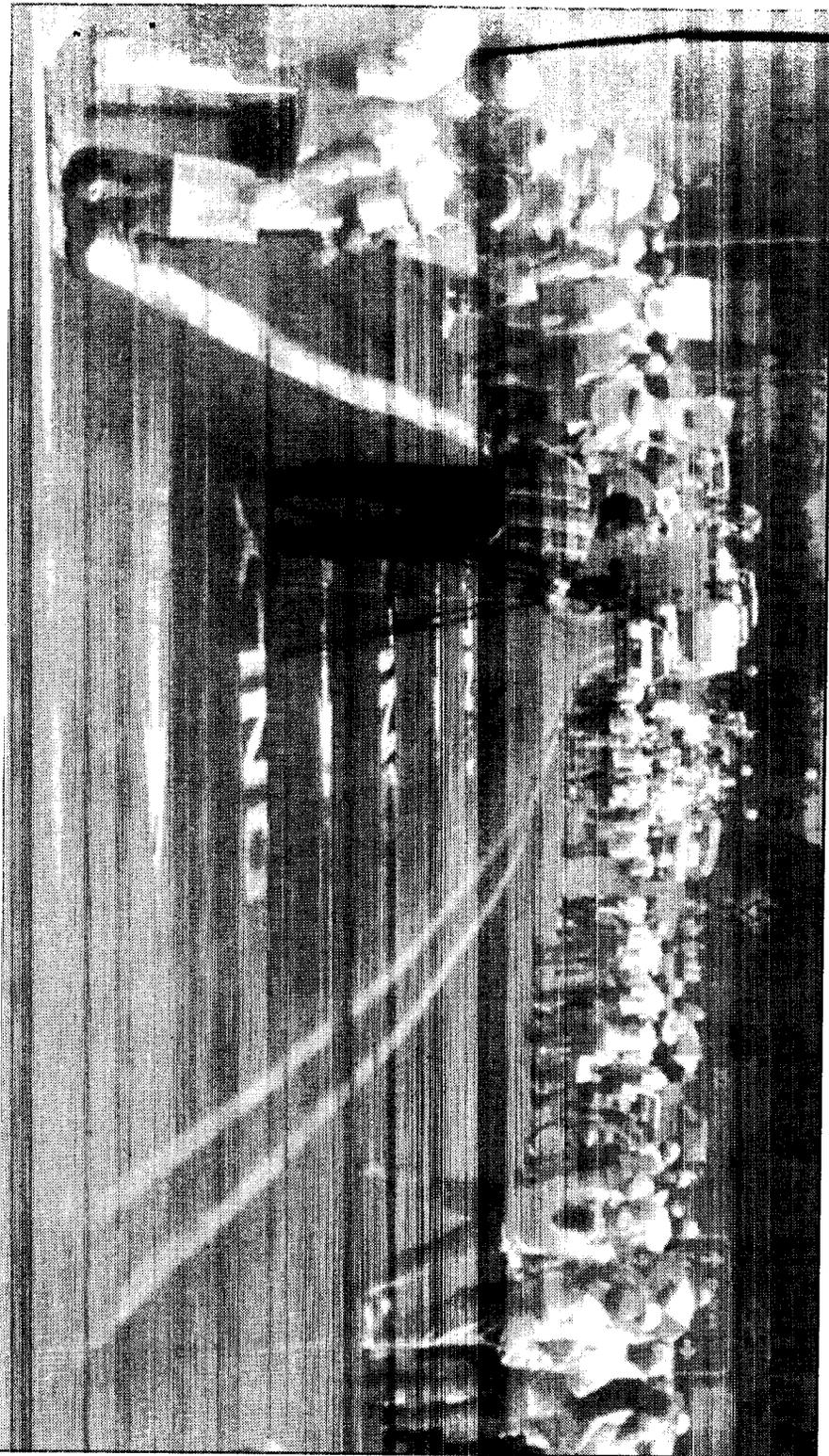
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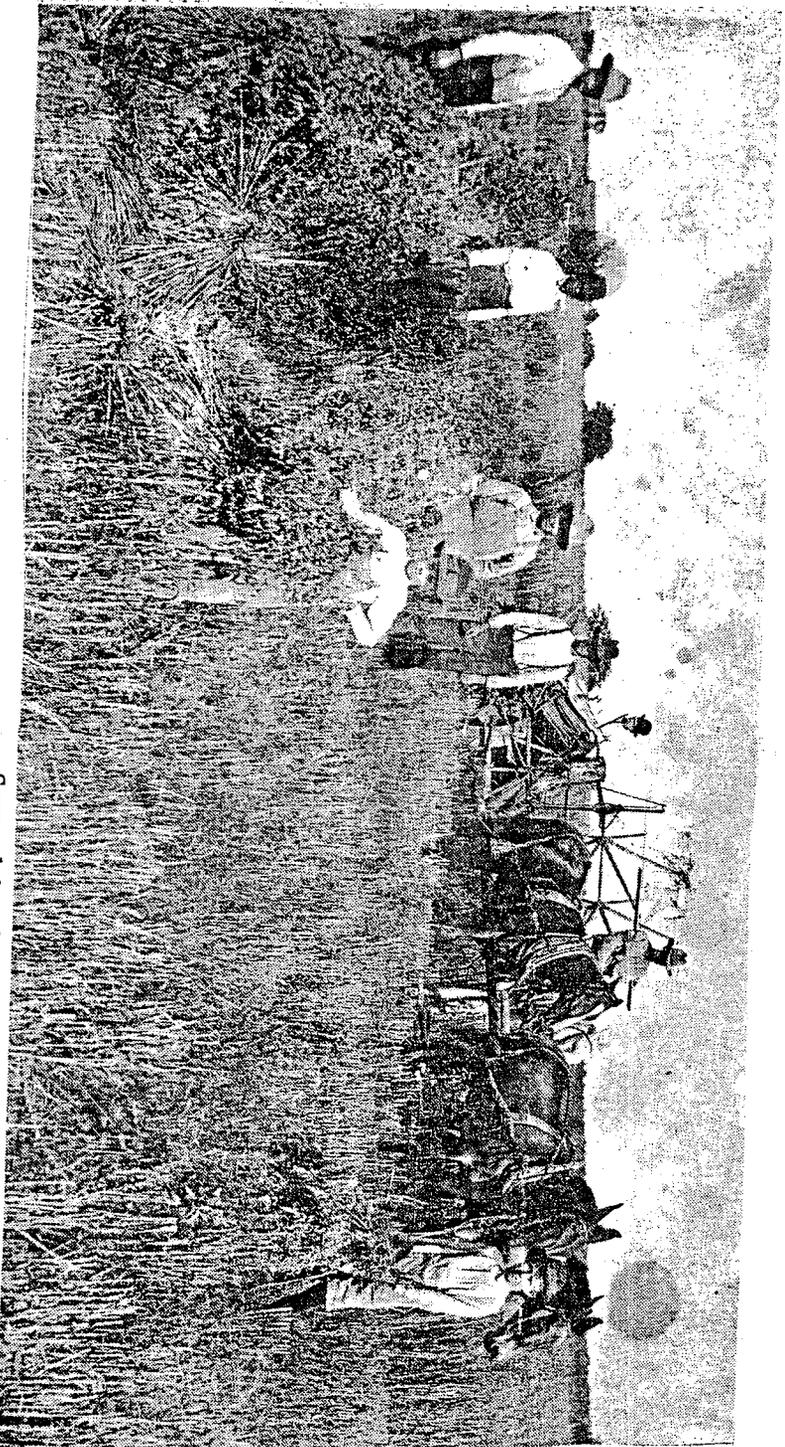
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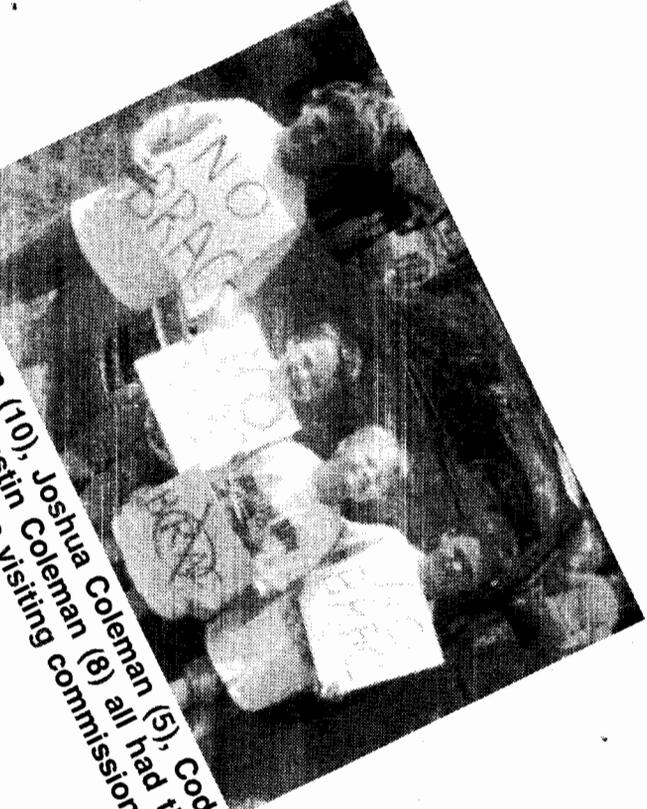
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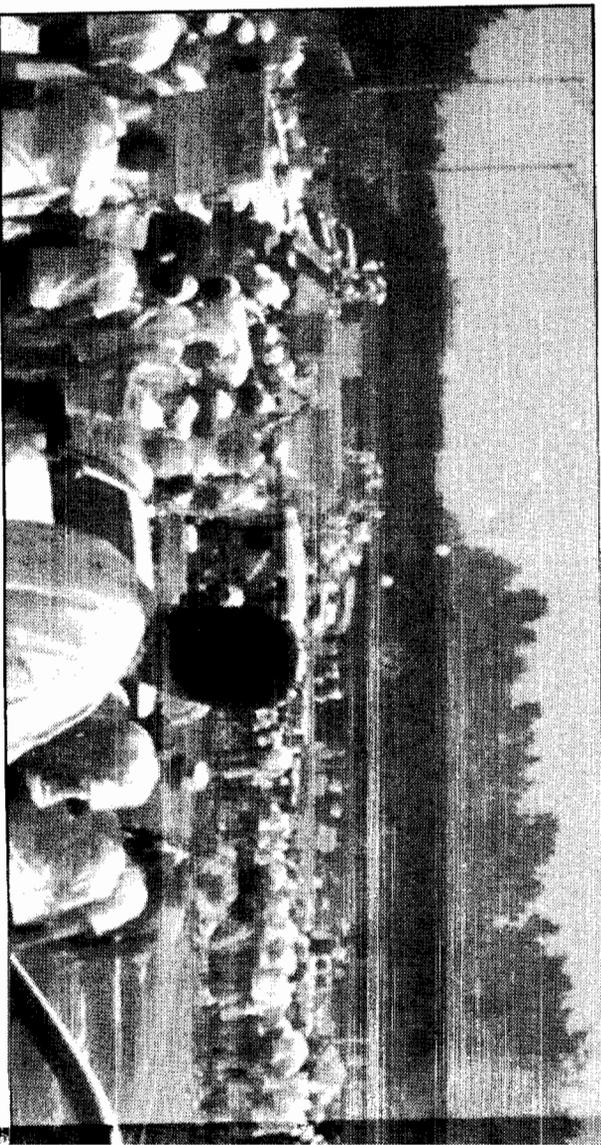
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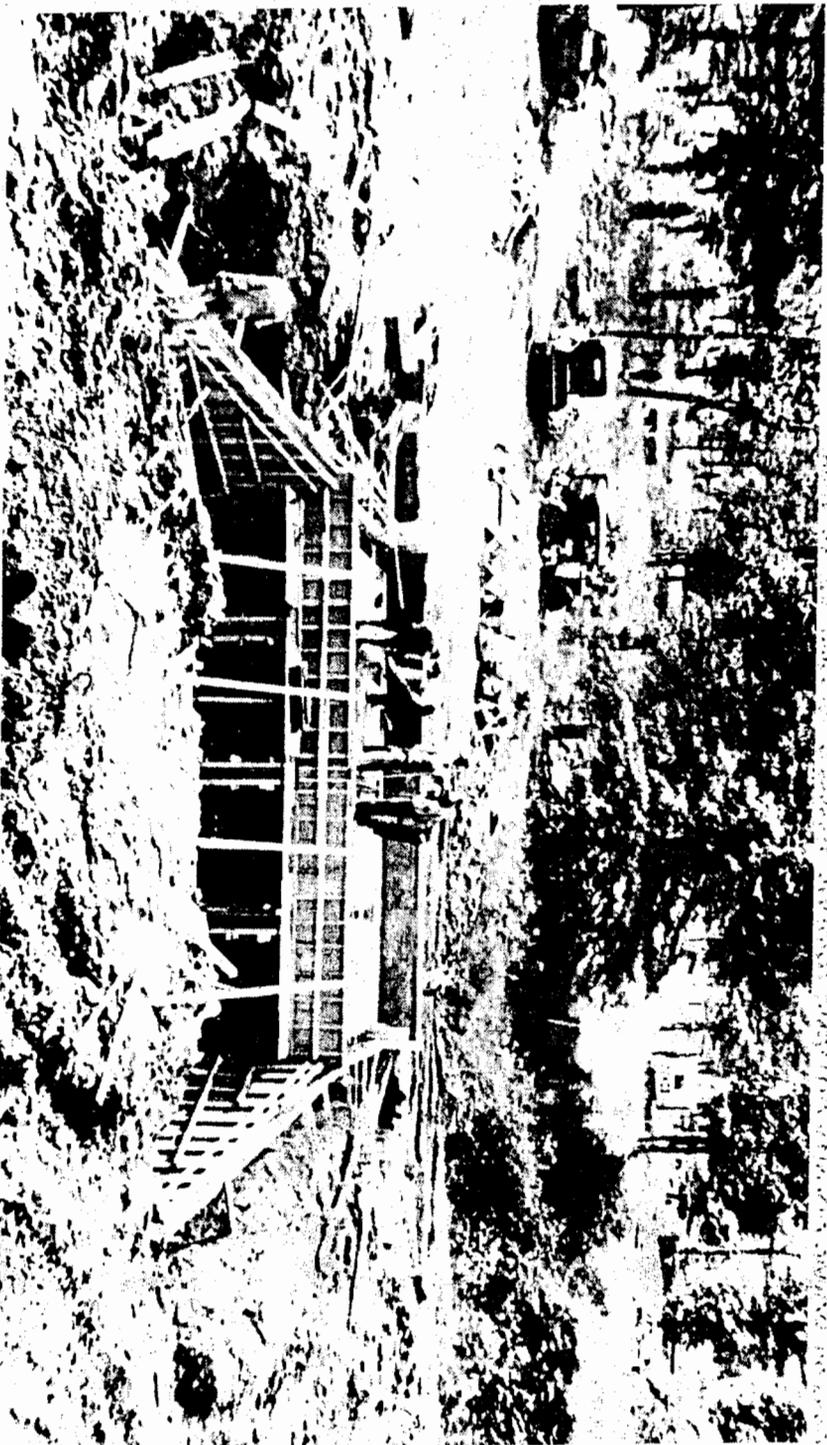
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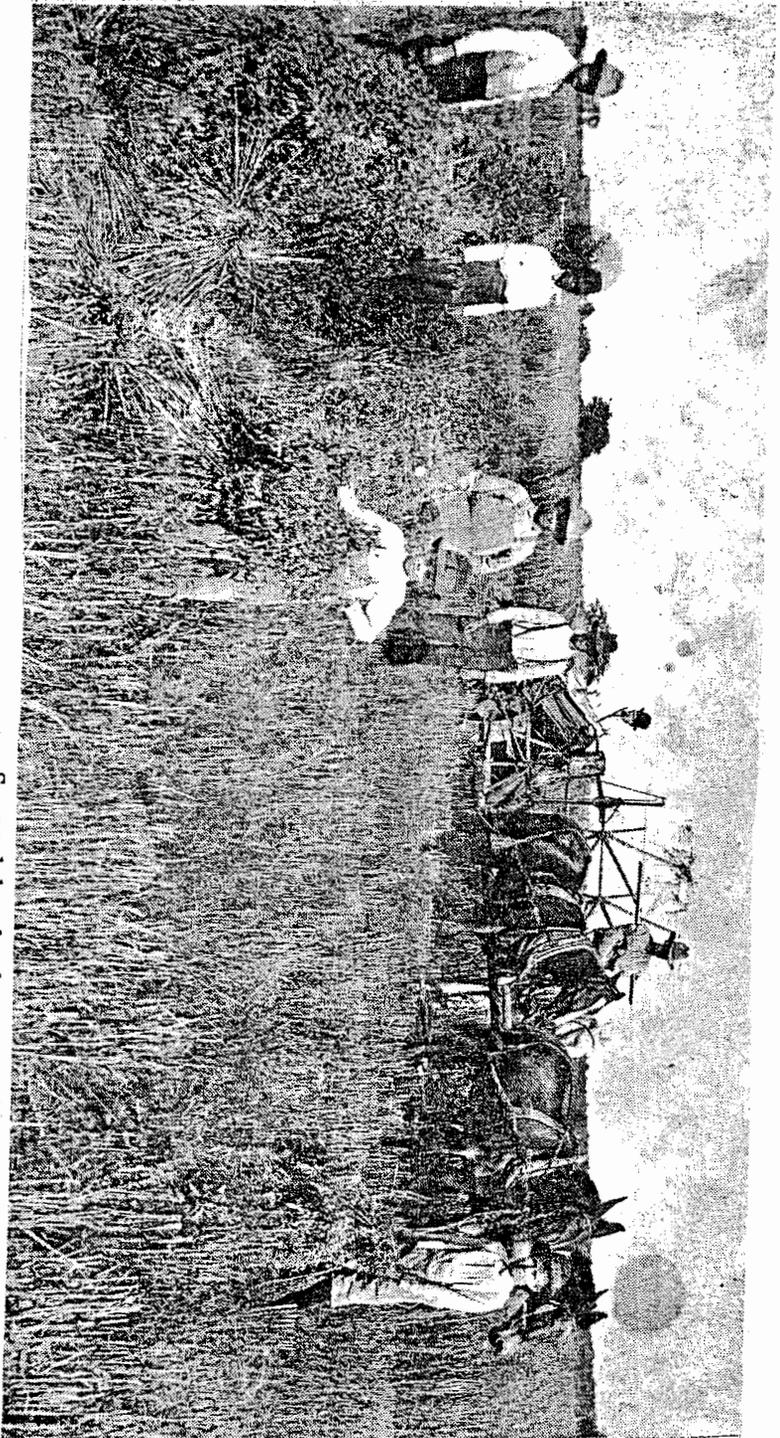
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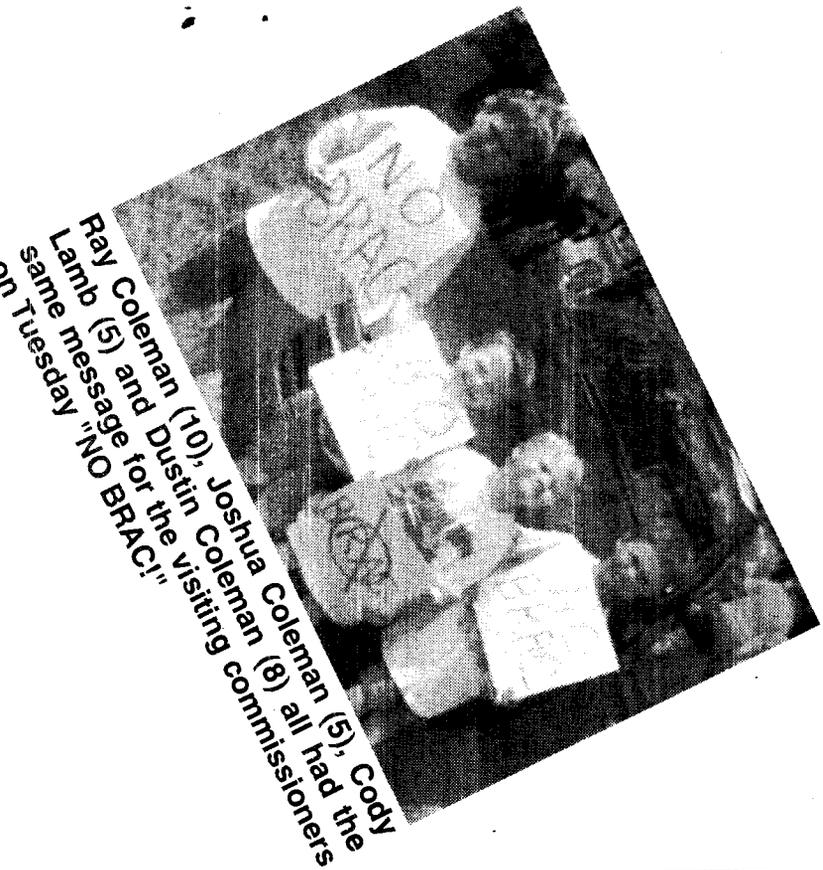
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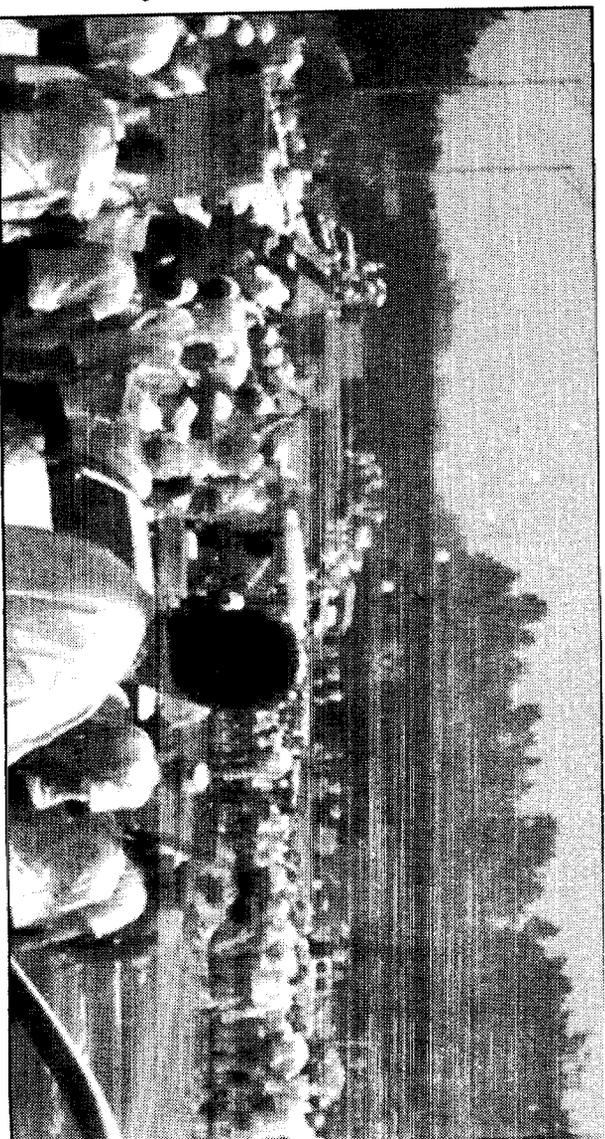
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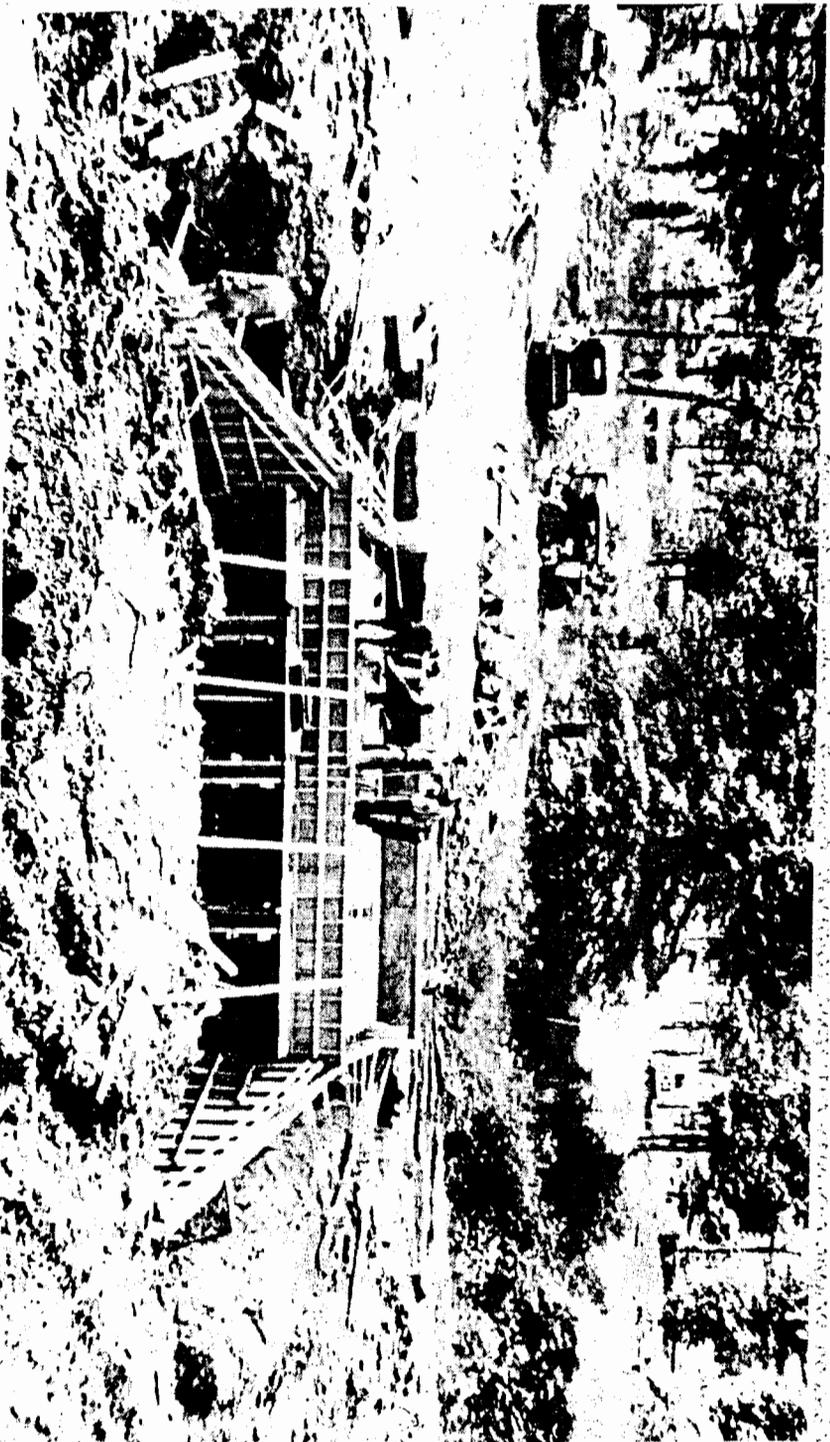
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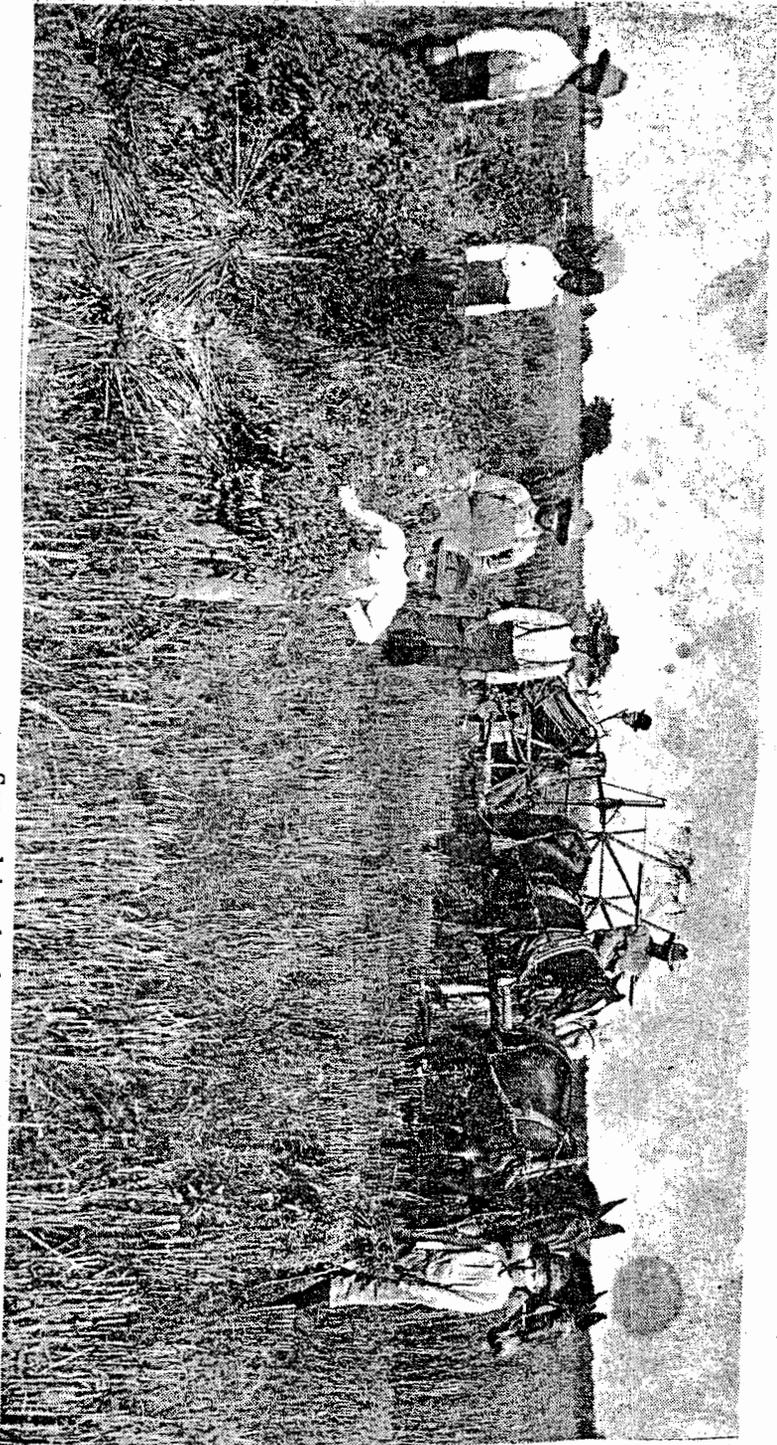
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logistics installations in the world, bringing with it economic benefits that this area could scarcely do without.

The depot and its people who make it work, fill a vital role in the nation's defense efforts; and it provides employment for nearly 4,500 Bowie County residents and pumps over \$93 million into the economy of this area every year. Red River Army Depot has received congratulations from leading

military officials, noting its worldwide reputation for proficiency, expertise and the ability to get the job done both in times of war and peace.

The Citizens Tribune is proud to have been chosen by Red River officials to publish their base newspaper. Join us in paying tribute to all the people at Red River Army Depot, who contribute so much to this area and this nation.



Several hundred acres of land owned by Mr. Plese Daniel, an early settler, is now a part of Red River Army Depot. Mr. Daniel's land began at a point almost at our present train depot and ran southeasterly toward Rock Creek. This photo was made at harvest time in 1908. The combine at the left of the picture is pulled by two horses and two mules.

Harvesting oats were Mr. Daniel-far left, his sons, Bo, front center and Razz, far right. Others in the picture are unknown.

Many thanks to Mrs. J. G. Baird of Kuntze, Texas for this memorable scene of the early 1900's.