

# Onion Tops

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Well, my “real life” is starting to get pretty interesting, and I’m having some trouble paying attention here. So, I’m continuing the *Cross Plains Review* nuggets. Not much Howard until November.

## 1918

[First months’ papers are missing. In February 1918, the Howards are in Galveston County, according to the back of the Chambers’ photo. In early April 1918, IMH lists address at Burkett.]

1918 03-15 Vol. IX, No. \_\_

P1 – “Trades Day”: “Monday is our March Trades Day [. . .]”

P3 – “The Secret of the Submarine,” fiction by E. Alexander Powell

1918 03-22 Vol. IX, No. 3

P4 – “The Secret of the Submarine,” fiction by E. Alexander Powell

1918 03-29 Vol. IX, No. 4

P2 – “Cross Cut”: “Gus Gafford went to Brownwood last Thursday on business.” [Relative of REH friend Fowler Gafford.]

- “Cross Cut”: “There are only five more weeks of school. There hasn’t been much school spirit on account of the war, sickness and the drouth.”

P3 – “The Secret of the Submarine,” fiction by E. Alexander Powell

1918 04-05 Vol. IX, No. 5

P3 – “Cross Cut Items”: “Charley Stone’s dog killed a very large wolf last week. The boys said it was as big as a cow.”

1918 04-12 Vol. IX, No. 6

Dud

1918 04-19 Vol. IX, No. 7

Dud

1918 04-26 Vol. IX, No. 8

Dud

1918 05-03 Vol. IX, No. 9

P1: “High School Closes With an Interesting Program”

- “Water Question for This City May Be Solved Now”

- “Oil Co. Opens Office Here”

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| 1918 05-10 Vol. IX, No. 10<br>P1: "Excitement Grows Over Oil Development"   | 1918 07-27 Vol. IX, No. 24<br>Dud.  |
| 1918 05-17 Vol. IX, No. 11<br>P1: "More Oil Talk"   | [MISSING]   |
| 1918 05-24 Vol. IX, No. 12<br>Dud.  | 1918 08-09 Vol. IX, No. 26<br>P3: ITEM "Grady Tyson of Temple is here this week the guest of friends and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Tyson." [Lyndsey's family.]<br>- ITEM "Mrs. W. E. Butler returned last Sunday from her visit to Meridian. She was accompanied by Little Miss Pauline Bond on her return." [Butler is neighbor, Bond is classmate.]                          |
| [1918 05-25, according to enlistment papers, REH cousin, Earl Lee Comer, who was staying with the Howard family, joins the Navy.]   |   |
| 1918 05-31 Vol. IX, No. 13<br>P1: "Material for Test Well on Odom Ranch Going Out" [Father of REH classmate]<br>- "Big Picture Show Saturday" [Mr. Cross is manager of Electric Theatre.]<br>P4: "Oil Field Near Cross Plains May Be Better Than Ranger" [according to gossip relayed by C. S. Boyles.] | 1918 08-16 Vol. IX, No. 27<br>Dud.  |
| [1918 06-01, IMH purchases land in Burkett for \$800.]  | 1918 08-23 Vol. IX, No. 28<br>P1: "R. Robertson Writes From 'Over There'" [Son of Dr. Robertson, where REH will in the future.]<br>- "School to Begin on September 16, 1918"  |
| [1918 06-05: IMH registers credentials in Coleman County; address is Burkett.]  | 1918 08-30 Vol. IX, No. 29<br>P1: "Another Well Soon"   |
| 1918 06-07 Vol. IX, No. 14<br>Dud.  | 1918 09-06 Vol. IX, No. 30<br>P1: "Oil Notes"   |
| 1918 06-14 Vol. IX, No. 15<br>Dud.  | 1918 09-13 Vol. IX, No. 31<br>Dud.  |
| 1918 06-21 Vol. IX, No. 19 [sic]<br>P1: "Three Deep Test Wells Spudded in Brownwood"  | MISSING 1918 09-20 Vol. IX, No. 32  |
| 1918 06-21 Vol. IX, No. 20 [sic]<br>P1: "Boy 13, Drowns in Tank Near Here Last Sunday"<br>- "Oil Interest Growing / New Drilling Contract"<br>- "18 Weeks Serial Story to Begin at Theatre July 6"<br>[Electric Theatre shows The Lion's Claws.]  | 1918 09-27 Vol. IX, No. 33<br>P1: "The Odom Well"<br>P2: ITEM "Earl W. Pyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pyle of south of town, is now getting the Review at La Grange, Texas, where he has a place in the high school as teacher of mathematics and science. He is well pleased with his work. His sister, Miss Dorris, is teaching at Woodson." [Dorris will be REH teacher at CP.] |
| [MISSING a bunch]   | 1918 10-01, THE REGISTER (Tulane University, New Orleans) IMH of Burkett listed in "Catalogue of Students"  |

1918 10-04 Vol. IX, No. 34  
Dud.

1918 10-11 Vol. IX, No. 35  
P1: "Oil Development"  
- "Killed in France"

[1918 10-15, IMH sells Burkett land for \$1,200.]

1918 10-18 Vol. IX, No. 36  
P1: "Cross Plains an Oil Center"  
P6: "School Closed" [and Methodist Church, too,  
due to "influenza situation."]

1918 10-25 Vol. IX, No. 37  
P1: "School in Session Again"  
MISSING 1918 11-01

1918 11-08 Vol. IX, No. 39  
P1: "Odom No. 1 Spudded In"  
- "Accepted for Officers' Training Camp" [Paul V.  
Harrell of Brownwood]

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1918 11-15, COLEMAN DEMOCRAT-VOICE  
"Burkett" column: "Mrs. Etta Brady purchased the  
**Dr. Howard** residence."

1918 11-22 Vol. IX, No. 41  
Dud.

1918 11-29 Vol. IX, No. 42  
P4: ITEM "Dr. and Mrs. John Tyson spent one day  
last week in Brownwood."  
- ITEM "Miss Leo Tyson has returned from Den-  
ton where she has been attending the North Texas  
Normal. She expects to re-enter college after the  
holidays."

1918 12-06 Vol. IX, No. 43  
P1: "Accidentally Kills Self" [Homer Burton, 18, of  
Burkett, shot himself with a shotgun.]  
P6: ITEM "Miss Doris Pyle returned on Sunday  
from Swenson, where she has been teaching school.  
She had to give up the work on account of being  
sick with a fever. She is not entirely well as yet."

1918 12-13 Vol. IX, No. 44

P8: "Honor Roll" [or "people who have paid for the  
Review," has "**Dr. I. M. Howard**, Burkett."]

MISSING the rest of 1918.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF COLEMAN

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT we, I. M. Howard and wife Hester J. Howard of the County of Coleman State of Texas for and in consideration of the sum of \$1200.00 Twelve Hundred Dollars to us paid and secured to be paid by Mrs. Etta Brady as follows:

\$400.00 Four Hundred Dollars cash the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and the

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further assuming of four certain vendor lien notes each in the sum of \$200.00 each Two hundred Dollars and made payable to the order of C. E. Burns or order and dated June 1st, 1918 and due December 1st, 1918; April 1st, 1919; December 1st 1919 and August 1st 1920 respectively have granted sold and conveyed and by these presents do Grant sell and convey unto the said Mrs. Etta Brady of ~~the~~ the County of Coleman State of Texas all that certain Lot Block or parcel of land. the same being a part of Block No. 2, as shown by the map plans of the Town of Burkett in Coleman County Texas Together with all the improvements thereon consisting of Houses, Barn lot and fencing and described as follows to-wit:

Beginning at the South East corner of Blk No. 3 the same being the South West corner of Blk No. 2 Thence East 250 feet to a corner. Thence North 417 feet to a corner and on the North boundary line of the town of Burkett Thence West 250 feet to the North West Corner of Blk No. 2 to a corner Thence South 417 feet to place of Beginning Containing about 2½ acres of land.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described premises together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging unto the said Mrs. Etta Brady her heirs and assigns forever; and we do hereby bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators to warrant and Forever defend all and singular the said premises unto the said Mrs. Etta Brady her heirs and assigns against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof.

But it is expressly agreed ~~that~~ and stipulated that the Vendor's Lien is retained against the above described property premises and improvements until the above described notes and all interest thereon are fully paid according to their face and tenor effect on reading when this deed shall become absolute.

Witness our hands at Burkett this 15th day of October A. D. 1918.

I. R. S. \$1.00

I. M. Howard

Hester J. Howard