

## **The Giddings News**

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### **WEST TEXAS STORMS**

The editor is glad to get back to Lee County where we do not have to have so many "potato houses" even if our crop of potatoes is large. He is glad to be where storms are not expected, because they are sometimes dangerous in West Texas.

The week he was out there a severe hailstorm near Abilene killed a woman who was in the chicken yard. It was believed that she was beaten to death by hail. Neighbors said hailstones as large as a turkey egg fell during the storm. Near her body was found several chickens, killed by the hail. The storm swept a large area, laying waste thousands of acres of cotton and feed which will have to be replanted.

A small cyclone near Brady hit a ranch house, completely demolishing the seven-room house, injuring the mother and two children. She received a broken leg and a crushed hip. A door was the largest single piece of lumber remaining. A nine-year-old boy was picked up by the whirling storm and carried 150 yards where he was set down on the ground, wrapped in a piece of linoleum that was torn from one of the rooms of the wrecked home.