

## SCHOOLS IN HOUSTON COUNTY

"Prof. C. W. Edmiston has charge of the Intermediate Department.

"Mrs. Allie Barrow, the Primary Department.

"-----, professor of vocal and instrumental music.

"This institution will be open for the reception of students on the 6th of January. The location is healthy; the community highly moral.

"There is a flourishing Sabbath School;

"Preaching regular and often; as a centrality, Crockett has few, if any equals, in the State. As to enlightenment, it has vast advantage. Sectarianism discarded. Students received at any time and charged from date of entrance to close of session. A deduction will be made for protracted sickness. Good board easily obtained at from \$9.00 to \$15.00 per month.

"Patrons, visit us.

"Rates of tuition in specie or its equivalent per session of five months.

"Orthography, Reading, \$10.00; Spelling and reading, primary arithmetic, and geography, \$12.50; Advanced Arithmetic, grammar, history, natural philosophy, rhetoric, logic, etc., \$15.00; Astronomy, botany, chemistry, geology, geometry, surveying, Latin, Greek or French, \$10.00; Music on piano or guitar, \$30.00; Patrons and friends of education, visit our school. Crockett, Texas. January 7th."

Among the early teachers in the old Crockett Academy were Mr. Edward A. Gause, and his sister, Mrs. Mary E. McColl. They taught there in 1866, and later. Prior to that time it was a difficult matter for teachers to control their older students. There were a number of unruly boys nearly grown who took pride in disobeying the rules established by teachers and breaking up schools. Mr. Gause had heard of these pranks on the part of the older boys and determined upon what course he would pursue. He had been forewarned what to expect. On a certain day one of the unruly students, Oscar Burnett, decided he would purposely disobey the rules and defy Mr. Gause to inflict the proper punishment. As a result, when Mr. Gause and his sister came to the old academy on that morning he brought his pistol and laid it on the desk. The boys also came prepared for the difficulty, but had such simple weapons as sticks and stones. At the proper time Mr. Gause called the refractory Oscar Burnett to take his punishment which was to be a severe whipping with a switch. He refused to respond so Mr. Gause seized him and took him into the smaller room of the school