

The Storm

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One of the worst storms that ever visited this section struck south of town Wednesday night between 8 and 9 o'clock, doing untold damage to crops, buildings, stock, etc. The main span of the big bridge at Huskey was blown in the river, and the store of W.M. Bearden was demolished. Several at this place was hurt, but not seriously. Lee Hankins was bruised considerably about the head – Will Bearden was not at home, which perhaps was most fortunate.

We understand Arthur City was completely destroyed by the storm. Out of about twenty houses in the town 16 were utterly demolished. Among which was a 2 story hotel, in which the proprietress, Mrs. Everidge was killed. Considerable damage was done below Swink, at Valliant and Bismark.

We could not get particulars of the storm which passed north of town but understand it was most severe all along the county line.