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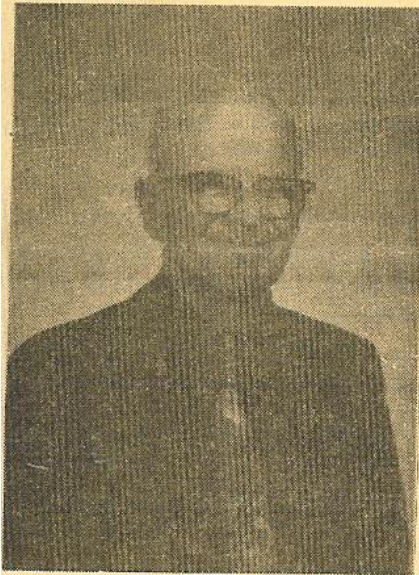
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McCasland moved to Cochran County in October, 1922 to teach school and later assumed the office of Cochran County Clerk May 7, 1924, the day the county was officially formed. Following two terms as county clerk, he returned to teaching and taught until 1947. During this time he served as teacher and School Superintendent at Bledsoe, Lehman, Whiteface and Morton. He later served as school tax assessor-collector and business manager. He was with Bailey County Electric for a number of years and for 32 years operated an income tax office here.

McCasland, the only survivor of the original county officials, was honored as Parade Grand Marshall when the county celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in 1974. He was named "Mr. Senior Citizen of the Year" in 1975.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Era Richardson of Morton and Mrs. Lera Stalcup of Bryan; two sons, Burl and R.J. both of Morton; a sister, Mrs. Ila Weeks of Muleshoe; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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