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An interview with G. W. Lucas of
Ogdelata, Oklahoma.

About 1891 Mr. Lucas said he was working on the John Mackey ranch, south of Bartlesville.

Mr. Mackey had three good race horses named Pete, Jerry, and Jack Dempsey. One night Mr. Lucas discovered the corral gate closed but the three horses gone. He summoned Mackey and they found the fence had been taken down on the opposite side, out of sight of the house.

They got together a bunch of men and trailed the horses south. They later discovered it was the Daltons who stole the horses.

Two horses were stolen at the same time from the Pete Perrier ranch north of Skiatook. Men from the Perrier ranch joined the chase which went southwest to where Keystone now is, where the Cimarron empties into the Arkansas. From there the chase went west out around Kingfisher, where the men turned around and returned.

The following year Mr. Mackey and Mr. Lucas was amazed to find two of the horses in the lot, returned at night.

Mr. Lucas took a homestead in the Cherokee Open-

ing in '93. He became acquainted with a United States Marshal, Tom Jerden, to whom he was telling about the stealing and returning of two of the three horses. The brand on the horses was an open A.

Mr. Jerden immediately recalled a skirmish he and some more United States marshals had had with the Daltons near the mouth of the Cimarron on the identical date or near the same time the horses were stolen from Mackey and Perrier.

He also said he knew exactly where the third horse was. He had shot a horse from under one of the Dalton gang during the fight, which had an open A brand and was of the right description.

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Mr. Lucas told of the first schools near
Bartlesville. The first one was the Tyner school
one mile south of Ochelata built in 1875.

Another about five years later was the Jesse
Creek School three miles southwest of Bartlesville.

School was held only about three months a
year, during the winter. Each family paid the
teacher, usually one dollar a child a month.

The teachers roomed and boarded with the
families alternately as part of their pay.